

Vocabulary

Crime in the news

1 Match words 1–8 with definitions a–h.

- 1 criminal 2 gang 3 jail 4 threat
5 trial 6 theft 7 victim 8 witness

- a a person who sees a crime happen 8
b a person who suffers from a crime
c a person who has committed a crime
d a place where people who have committed crimes
are sent as a punishment
e the crime of taking something that does not belong
to you
f a group of people who work together to commit
crimes
g a statement that tells someone that you will do something
bad to them if they don't do what they want
h a formal meeting in a court of law where people
decide if a person has committed a crime or no

2 Complete the sentences using the pairs of words in the box.

arrested/get away attack/victim broke into/gang
theft/claimed freed/trial witness/victim

- 1 The gang broke into the store at night.
2 The police the criminals while they were
trying to
3 The saw the criminal attack the
4 After the at the shop, the owner
£50,000 from her insurance.
5 The took place while the was
walking home.
6 There wasn't enough evidence for a, so they
..... the man.

3 Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

attack claimed freed jail ~~reported~~ trap
victim worth

- 1 The witness reported the crime to the police.
- 2 The criminal got out of _____ after three years.
- 3 My neighbour's camera was stolen and he _____
£300 from his insurance company.
- 4 The police set a _____ to catch thieves.
- 5 After 15 years, they _____ gang leader from prison.
- 6 Robbers have stolen a horse _____ over half a
million pounds.
- 7 There has been a serious cyber _____ on the
computers of a major bank.
- 8 The _____ of the crime is recovering in hospital as
she was quite badly hurt in the attack.