

Crime **VOCABULARY 3.1**

Criminals and crime verbs

VOCABULARY 3.2

- 1** Complete sentences 1–7 with the correct pair of crimes and crime verbs.

mugged/mugging burglary/burgled
 theft/stolen shoplift/shoplifting
 loot/looting smuggle/smuggling
 vandalism/vandalise

- I was *mugged* recently. Some guy took my mobile. I reported the *mugging* to the police.
- If something is _____ from you, report the _____ to the police.
- Graffiti is a common kind of _____ and costs the UK about £1 billion each year. Graffiti artists commonly _____ road signs and public transport.
- High taxes in Britain in the 18th century led to a dramatic increase in _____. The most common items to _____ into Britain were tobacco and alcohol.
- There are over 30 million instances of _____ in British stores each year. If you _____ in the UK and are caught, you will almost always be prosecuted.
- There was a lot of _____ in New Orleans immediately after Hurricane Katrina. Even the police had to _____ fuel from abandoned cars in order to drive their police cars.
- My parents were _____ last year. The criminals got in through an open window. It was my parents' first _____ and they were upset.

- 2** Complete the puzzle with words for criminals.

Someone who ...

- intentionally damages property belonging to other people. (6)
- takes a person and holds them prisoner, often in order to demand money. (9)
- takes things or people to or from a place illegally. (8)
- obtains money by deceiving people. (9)
- sets fire to things illegally. (8)
- illegally enters buildings and steals things. (7)
- attacks people, often in the street, to steal something. (6)
- commits violent crimes, often for political reasons. (9)
- steals things from shops and homes during a disaster, for example a riot or war. (6)

**Second conditional; alternatives for if** **GRAMMAR 3.1**

- 3** Match sentence beginnings 1–8 to endings a–h.

- If someone mugged you and took your keys, *h*
 - It's very hard to prove a case of arson _____
 - Even if I was offered a lot of money, _____
 - As long as you could prove the credit card was stolen, _____
 - Their parents would be furious _____
 - If I saw someone shoplifting, _____
 - Suppose you found out your brother was a burglar, _____
 - If I found some money in the street, I might keep it, _____
- a I'd never take a bribe.
 b you wouldn't be responsible for paying the bill.
 c would you tell the police about him?
 d if they knew their children had vandalised the phone box.
 e assuming I didn't know who had lost it.
 f unless the criminal is caught at the scene.
 g I might try and tell someone.
 h would you change the locks in your house?

4 Choose the correct word and write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A *Supposing/Assuming* you *realised* (realise) your young son had accidentally left a shop holding a £25 toy, would you take it back?
B Yes, I might. *Imagine/As long as* it _____ (not be) too far away.
- 2 A *If/Provided* you _____ (break) something expensive in a shop and no one saw you, would you tell anyone?
B Never. *Provided/Unless* I knew they _____ (not charge) me for it.
- 3 A _____ you _____ (approach) a group of teenagers *if/Imagine* you saw them vandalising something near your house?
B Definitely. *Even if/Assuming* they _____ (look) threatening. I can't stand vandalism.
- 4 A *Imagine/Assuming* you _____ (hit) a car in a car park and there were no witnesses. Would you leave a note?
B Of course. *Assuming/Supposing* the other car _____ (be) damaged.
- 5 A *Even if/Suppose* you were hungry in the supermarket and you _____ (eat) something while you were walking round, would you pay for it at the checkout?
B Yes. *Provided/Unless* I _____ (forget) about it, of course!
- 6 A *Suppose/As long as* you heard a good CD at your friend's house. _____ you _____ (ask) him to make a copy or buy it yourself?
B I would usually buy my own copy. *Provided/Unless* I _____ (can) find it in the shops, of course.