5 CALL THE POLICE!

ABOUT YOU

How much crime is there in your town or city?

Which crimes are the biggest problem where you live?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

VOCABULARY

Crimes and criminals

1 Match the crimes to the photos.

EP

burglary hacking pickpocketing
shoplifting theft vandalism













LIVEWORKSHEETS

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2 Listen to six people talking about crime and decide which crime the speakers are talking about.

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____

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23 **3** EP **Complete the sentences with the missing crimes from Exercise 1 and the correct type of criminals in the box. Use the plural form where necessary. Then listen and check.**

burglar hacker pickpocket shoplifter thief vandal

1 Three weeks ago a _____ stole over 100 million email addresses and passwords from a bank in the United States. Experts believe that _____ costs businesses over two trillion dollars every year.

2 We have a problem with _____ in our area. _____ have smashed the window of my parents' car three times in the last year.

3 We think that only 10% of _____ are professionals. For these people _____ is a job. They typically rob large stores and steal expensive items like designer clothes or bags.

4 I'd like to report the _____ of a car. I saw it happen. And I can describe the _____.

5 Please be careful of _____ in crowded areas. _____ is common at stations.

6 My neighbour doesn't know when the _____ happened. The _____ took TVs, computers, things like that.

4 EP **Read the example and complete the definitions with the verbs *steal* and *rob*.**

Professional shoplifters typically **rob** large stores and **steal** expensive items like designer clothes or bags.

1 Thieves [ ] something from a place or person.

2 Thieves [ ] a place or a person of something.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *steal* or *rob*.

1 The thief _____ my phone from the table in the café.

2 Do any of these photos show the man who _____ you?

3 My parents once came home and a burglar was _____ their flat. He ran away immediately.

4 Is downloading films the same as _____ them?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1 Write the letters in the correct order to make crime words.

1 lugrrayb

2 vaimsnald

3 etfht

4 gisohiltnpf

5 copipngcetikk

6 agihckn

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 **Match the words to the pictures.**

burglary | hacking | pickpocketing | shoplifting | theft | vandalism

A 

B 

C 

D 

E 

F 

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Match the definition with the type of crime in the box.

burglary	hacking	pickpocketing	shoplifting	theft	vandalism

1 when someone enters another person's house without asking and takes their things _____

2 when someone takes something from another person's bag or pocket without them knowing _____

3 when someone takes something from a shop without paying for it _____

4 when someone enters someone else's computer system and takes information without them knowing _____

5 when someone damages private or public buildings or things _____

6 when someone dishonestly takes another person's things and keeps them _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. I really worry about *shoplifters* / *hackers* reading my emails.
2. I read an article in the paper yesterday about some *vandals* / *burglars* in the city centre breaking windows.
3. *Pickpockets* / *Burglars* don't care that when they enter someone's house and take their things, it can have a huge emotional effect.
4. There are signs everywhere on the metro telling passengers to be careful with their bags, as there are lots of *hackers* / *pickpockets*.
5. They put cameras in the office after *a thief* / *a shoplifter* stole a lot of money from an employee's desk.
6. Mrs Santana caught the *burglars* / *shoplifters* who were trying to steal mobile phones from her shop.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the crimes and criminals.

1 A _____ stole millions of dollars from people's bank accounts. Security teams at the banks say _____ is a very serious problem in the United States.

2 After breaking the windows and putting paint on the door, the two _____ ran away. One _____ was wearing a black hat.

3 I'd like to report a _____. I arrived home tonight to find a _____ in my kitchen with a bag full of my things.

4 I watched the _____ as they put their hands inside people's bags and pockets and took their money. _____ happens a lot in some big cities.

5 The police say that car _____ has increased since 2014. The _____ are usually between the ages of 18 and 35.

6 The local shop has a few _____ who steal their chocolate bars. The police are often called there because of _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS