

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT FINAL VOCABULARY TEST

TASK 1.

Classify the crimes

In pairs, discuss which crimes are serious and which are petty:

arson	bribery	burglary	drug dealing	drug possession
drunk driving	fraud	hacking	kidnapping	manslaughter
murder	pickpocketing	robbery	shoplifting	terrorism

Serious crimes: _____

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Petty crimes: _____

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SERIOUS CRIMES	
PETTY CRIMES	

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2 Criminals

Look at the following table. Complete the sentences below with appropriate words from the table in their correct form.

Crime	Criminal	What does he do?
burglary	a burglar	burgles houses
pickpocketing	a pickpocket	pickpockets people
arson	an arsonist	sets buildings on fire
robbery	a robber	robs people or places
mugging	a mugger	mugs people
blackmail	a blackmailer	blackmails people
kidnapping	a kidnapper	kidnaps people
perjury	a perjurer	lies in court
fraud	a fraudster	deceives people
smuggling	a smuggler	smuggles illegal goods

1. Dan was caught trying to _____ cocaine into the country. He is currently serving a 5-year prison sentence.
2. This town is getting really dangerous. Yesterday, I was _____ in broad daylight. The attacker had a knife and took all my money.
3. The police are looking for the person responsible for burning down the church. They are confident they will catch the _____ .
4. Hold on to your wallet. There are a lot of _____ on the train.
5. Joe was _____ on his way to work. The _____ contacted his wife and demanded a ransom of $1 million.
6. James was found guilty of _____ . It was obvious that he was lying under oath.
7. A _____ broke into my flat while I was at work and stole my entire music collection.
8. Do not try to hide your true income from the government. Tax _____ is a very serious crime.
9. Sandra is trying to _____ Tom. She says he has to pay her $1000 or she will tell his wife about his affair.

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In pairs, match the following people with their typical functions and activities in a court of law:

1. a defense lawyer	a. argues that someone is guilty of committing a crime
2. a defendant	b. gives testimony to the court
3. a prosecutor	c. listens to arguments, hears evidence, deals with crimes that are not serious
4. a judge	d. listens to arguments, hears evidence, sentences a guilty person
5. a magistrate	e. listen to the facts/arguments, reach a verdict, convict/acquit someone who is charged with a serious crime
6. a witness	f. pleads guilty/not guilty, gives testimony
7. the jury	g. represents someone accused of a crime, argues that someone is not guilty of committing a crime

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2 Crime – nouns

Use these nouns to complete the text:

trial	crime	defence
court	case	judge

If you commit a (1) . . . . . and are caught, you can expect to go to (2) . . . . . . If the crime is a serious one, you will be sent for (3) . . . . . . Your (4) . . . . . will be heard before a (5) . . . . . and jury. The prosecution will try to show why you are guilty, while the (6) . . . . . will try to show that you are not.

sentence	fine	jail
evidence	prison	verdict

When all the (7) . . . . . has been heard, the jury will be asked for their (8) . . . . . – 'Guilty' or 'Not guilty'. If you are found guilty, the judge will pass (9) . . . . . . He might impose a two-year (10) . . . . . sentence. If you are lucky, you might get away with a (11). . . . . of £500. The time you actually spend in (12). . . . . will depend on your behaviour while you are there.

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3 Crime – verbs

Use these verbs to complete the story:

suspected	arrested	heard
questioned	charged	convicted

A few months ago Ron was (1) . . . . . by the police, who (2) . . . . . him of being involved in a robbery at a local post office. He had been (3) . . . . . previously of petty crime, but never anything serious. The police (4) . . . . . him for several hours and finally (5) . . . . . him with robbery. A few weeks later he got a letter saying that he had to appear in court the following month when his case would be (6) . . . . . .

identified	called	sentenced
committed	pleaded	defend

Ron hired the best lawyer he could find to (7) . . . . . him. He (8) . . . . . not guilty. When he was (9) . . . . . to give evidence, he said he had been somewhere else over 100 miles away when the crime was (10) . . . . . . Unfortunately for Ron, three witnesses (11) . . . . . him as the man they had seen at the scene of the crime. He was found guilty and (12) . . . . . to three years in prison.

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4 Punishments

Choose the correct ending for each sentence:

1. She was sent
2. He was sentenced
3. First offenders can be put
4. She was fined
5. He was banned

a. to life imprisonment / to death.
b. from driving for three years.
c. to prison for 3 months.
d. on probation.
e. £200.

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5 Prison life

Use these words to complete the text:

society	inmates
rehabilitate	cells
integrate	released
criminals	recreational

The (1) . . . . . of most prisons spend most of the day locked in their (2) . . . . . . In older prisons, there are few (3) . . . . . facilities. Prison is supposed to (4) . . . . . offenders, but in many cases the prisoners mix only with other more hardened (5) . . . . . and get deeper into the world of crime. When they are (6) . . . . . , many find it very hard to (7) . . . . . back into (8) . . . . . .

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6 Talking about criminals

Use these phrases to complete the dialogues:

lock them up
get away with it
be behind bars
make an example
bring back the death penalty

1. Did you read about those two men who killed that young policeman?
   > Yes, I couldn't believe it. They should . . . . . for people like that.
2. It makes me so angry that so many criminals are let off with a fine these days.
   > I couldn't agree more. Most of them should . . . . . . Then the world would be a much safer place for the rest of us.
3. Did you see those football hooligans on the news again last night?
   > Yes, they should . . . . . and throw away the key!
4. Did you see that story about that guy who was caught selling drugs right outside a school?
   > Yes, they should . . . . . of him. Maybe if he gets a really stiff sentence, it'll stop other people doing the same thing.
5. It's absolutely terrible that there are still people who think drinking and driving is OK.
   > I agree. They shouldn't be allowed to . . . . . They should be banned from driving for life, as far as I'm concerned.

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