

READING & VOCABULARY

1 Match the news stories (1-5) with the headlines (a-e).

News in brief

HOME NEWS CONTACT 

1  Pennsylvania police posted a mug shot of a burglar online yesterday, asking for information from the public. The man was a **fugitive** as he had escaped from prison last month. They were surprised when the criminal himself posted the photo on his own social media account. He added the comment, "Lol, I love it!" He was arrested 45 minutes later when he responded to a message inviting him for an interview. It was the police posing as journalists!

2  Twenty-eight-year-old James Allen was in court after the attempted robbery of a convenience store. He was **foiled** by the door! Holding a plastic gun and wearing a thick mask, he couldn't get the electric doors open. He then removed his mask in full view of the security camera before running away. A store employee recognized Allen when he came back to the store the next day. He will be sentenced next month.

3 Polish author Krystian Bala committed a **murder** and almost escaped punishment ... until he wrote a book that gave away clues! His novel *Amok* became a bestseller in Poland, but the police noticed that the details of a murder in the book were similar to a case they were investigating. The police discovered that the **victim** had been romantically involved with Bala's ex-wife. Bala was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

4  A San Francisco thief pedaled his bike up to a woman on the sidewalk, grabbed a phone out of her hands, and rode away. Unknown to him, the woman was in the middle of demonstrating the phone's new tracking device – which worked! The thief was **captured** just minutes later.

5  In El Paso, Texas, a man entered a church and got away with the safe. But safes are heavy, and he only got a few yards before dropping it on a neighbor's lawn. He tried to open it right there, and that's when he was met by the home's occupant – **a police officer!**

a **SAFE AND SECURE**

c **UNMASKED**

e **TRACK IT DOWN**

b **SOCIAL MEDIA STUPIDITY**

d **A NOVEL CRIME**

2 Complete the sentences using highlighted words from the stories in Exercise 1.

a A **police officer** is a person who fights crime and tries to catch criminals.

b A **burglar** is someone who has been attacked or robbed.

c A **murder** is a crime involving the killing of a person.

d A **fugitive** is someone who has escaped from jail and is hiding from the police.

e A criminal is **foiled** when they are prevented from carrying out a crime.

f When a criminal is **captured** they are taken prisoner.