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Violent youth crime has been hitting the headlines a lot recently. Why is it happening? Read the following article to find out.

## YOUTH CRIME

### Why do kids carry weapons?

"Many young people carry knives because they think it keeps them safe. It's a growing problem and while we would agree that law enforcement has its place, we need to get to the root of the problem too," Jane Edmonds from Rainer Crime Concern says.

As hard as it is to hear, many professionals that work with young people don't believe that **tougher** prison sentence are the answer.

"It is a cultural problem," says Morris Samuels, youth worker and project manager of Nottingham's Unity Project. "We have a conflicting culture here. On the one hand we promise people that if they work hard and get a job they can earn loads of money, buy a house and provide for their family but the truth is, even decent, hard-working professional people are struggling.

If you're a 16-year-old kid who's been in trouble and done some time inside then a few years later, after trying the straight and narrow, you're offered a load of cash for a crime, you're going to take that chance because you're not scared of prison anymore. You've been there, done that and making enough money to live the decent way is tough."

### What do the experts say?

Cathy Smith, who is an adolescent psychiatrist believes it's society's responsibility as well as the parents' responsibility to **bring up** kids. "Being a parent is a tough job and not a job, that as a society, we value too much. Women feel pressured to go back to work and childcare can be hard to find and expensive. We need better childcare as well as more trained professionals that understand child and teenage behavior," she adds.

Many young people say that the reason they carry weapons is because they are scared of being picked on or attacked. They admit to carrying a knife or gun for self defence – they don't intend to use it but things get out of hand and they end up hurting themselves or someone else."

"Alcohol and drugs have a part to play in this too," says Cathy. If you are carrying a weapon and you're drunk or high on drugs your awareness and inhibitions are **impaired**.

### What can we do about youth violence?

Youth crime is such a big issue that there isn't one simple solution. The Government is looking at lots of different ways to **tackle** youth crime and disorder, from tougher prison sentences, to a new youth justice system, more education and money for community projects,

Experts agree that education needs to play a role, "Many young people that we work with don't always appreciate the dangers of carrying knives or fully understand the law," says Jane Edmonds. "It's simply not enough to tell young people to stop carrying knives, we need to give them strategies, tactics and confidence."

"We criminalise young people and give up on them, but every human being feels hurt sometimes. But to be honest, I don't know what the solution is. Society has created this underground culture, which has **thrived** with the break-up of families, poverty and deprivation. Young people want respect, need to make money and want to belong, so a gang is the perfect answer and only answer in the current culture."

Adolescent psychiatrist Cathy Smith says: "Some of the young people that commit violent crime come from a family where domestic violence is the norm, they may not understand that violence is wrong. Or they may have been treated violently themselves. And knowing right from wrong is a big part of this problem – and it's all of our problem. Years ago, God, the Church and family elders told us what was acceptable behavior. These days we don't know what the moral guidelines are, for example, some people wouldn't dare park in a disabled parking space, whereas others think it's fine if there are no drivers with disabilities around that need that space. But unless there is something written down that everyone understands and agrees with then we don't know where to start.

Jane, Morris and Cathy all agree that communication is the first step to resolving problems and the big **gap** between young people and adults. The first step is to start talking to your children and young people," says Cathy.

After reading the article match the highlighted words with the corresponding definition. There is one extra highlighted word. (5x1=5)

to start working on energetically: \_\_\_\_\_

harder: \_\_\_\_\_

affected: \_\_\_\_\_

grown strongly: \_\_\_\_\_

to take care for during the childhood: \_\_\_\_\_

**Now, answer the following questions to check comprehension: (5x3=15)**

- 1- What is the current situation with crime among young people according to the text?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2- What explanations do the professional people find to why youth crime is increasing?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3- What could according to the professionals be a solution –or a step in the right direction – to reduce the rate of crime?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4- What do you believe is the reason for the increase in the crime rate among young people?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5- What kind of crime is “common” in your neighborhood or country?  
\_\_\_\_\_



While we don't like to talk about it - or even think about it - crime is increasing throughout the world. Now you, as a resident, working with neighbors and the police can help reduce the crime rate. Watch the following video from the ARANSAS PASS police department offering tips to reduce burglary in this case.



**After watching the video answer the following questions: (6x3=18)**

- 1- What is crime prevention according to the video?
- 2- What elements are needed to commit a crime according to the triangle theory?
- 3- Click on the best option: What time do most burglaries happen?

Only afternoon time hours

Day time hours

Night time hours

4- Why is more attractive for burglars a messy house?

Burglars might take whatever they want.

It gives the sense that a crime might go unnoticed.

Because burglars are disorganized people.

5- Where do burglars go first in a house? Click on the best option

Living Room

Bedroom

Garage

6- Mention at least 3 things to prevent crime in your property according to the video.



However, some people are pressured to commit fraud for many different reasons on their jobs. For example, they could be lured by greed and an easy financial gain. This was the case of Mr. Evans who lives next to my door. Read what happened to him; drag and drop the phrases in the correct place. (6x1=6)

TAKEN TO COURT - BREAKING THE LAW - REACH A VERDICT - PLEADED NOT GUILTY  
CHARGED WITH FRAUD - GET AWAY WITH



## Paying the consequences

I would never have suspected Mr. Evans, the owner of the local bakery of (1) \_\_\_\_\_. However, it seems that I am not a very good judge of character. Last Monday, he was arrested by the police and taken to the police station. There had been a number of accusations that he had been giving fake banknotes to customers, so he was (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Of course, he was (3) \_\_\_\_\_, where, in spite of all the evidence against him, he

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ However, to everyone's surprise, while his lawyer was examining a witness during the trial, suddenly Mr. Evans broke down and admitted his guilt. Naturally, it didn't take long for the jury to (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He was found guilty and sent to prison. He later told newspaper reporters that at first he thought he might be able to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the crime, but when he realized that there was so much evidence against him, he decided to tell the truth.



Employment is often promoted as a pathway out of crime. Jobs are thought to reduce crime by providing routines, supervision, and reduced economic incentives for criminal activity.

Let's choose the best collocations that substitute the phrases in bold. (6x1=6)

1- Many people are interested in **the feeling of achievement they get from their job** rather than climbing the corporate ladder.

CAREER PATH

JOB SATISFACTION

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

2- Don't you think we should give Mary some advice on **how to control her spending?** She asked me to lend her 100 dollars again!

MARKET RESEARCH

MONEY MANAGEMENT

SPENDING POWER

3- I really should be looking for **a partner in my company**. I don't have time to deal with everything myself.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

CAREER PATH

JOB SATISFACTION

4- **The collection of information about customer's habits** indicates people are now more willing to buy gas-fueled cars.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

MARKET RESEARCH

SPENDING POWER

- 5- After a recent closure of two of the biggest factories in our town, the goods families can afford to buy is falling.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

JOB SATISFACTION

SPENDING POWER

- 6- Are you really happy with your choices and decisions concerning your professional life?

CAREER PATH

MARKET RESEARCH

MONEY MANAGEMENT



Sometimes according to our schedule some activities are possible to be done or not or we can make logical deductions. Read the sentences below and choose the best option. (4x2=8)

I \_\_\_\_\_ be able to go to the football game. It depends on whether I can get the afternoon off from work.

He's working full-time and studying for his Ph.D. That \_\_\_\_\_ be easy.

He \_\_\_\_\_ have a job interview today - he's waiting to hear from the company.

You \_\_\_\_\_ be bored already! You've only been here five minutes.

Now, let's talk about facts, predictions, imaginary situations that are unlikely to happen. Complete the following sentences using conditionals. (7x1=7)

- 1- A: Be careful don't touch that!  
B: Why not?  
A: It's an emergency alarm. When you (press) \_\_\_\_\_ that button, a siren (start) \_\_\_\_\_ ringing.
- 2- A: You look awful!  
B: Yeah, I've been working in the surveillance room all night!  
A: If I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you, I (forget) \_\_\_\_\_ about hanging out and (go) \_\_\_\_\_ straight to bed.
- 3- A: Do you remember the place where I used to live?  
B: I can come up to a point but then I get confused.  
A: it's Ok. If you (call) \_\_\_\_\_ me when you get close, I (guide) \_\_\_\_\_ you to it.

What happens in these situations? Now rewrite the following sentences using conditionals again: (3x2=6)

- 1- Don't open that door because the alarm goes off.  
When you \_\_\_\_\_,
- 2- Having a criminal record, it could make it difficult for you to find a job.  
If you had \_\_\_\_\_,
- 3- If you don't tell us who your accomplice was, we'll make sure the judge gives you the maximum sentence.  
Unless you \_\_\_\_\_,



Planning how to organized your activities helps you set priorities. Sometimes you need to do things in a certain order, so it's important to know where to start. Read these situations and choose the best future option. (9x1=9)

A: Come on! It's time to go. We'll be late!

B: Hold on! I will have been / will be down in a minute.

A: I am leaving / leave in five minutes. You'd better be ready by then.

A: When will the project be finished?

B: I'm afraid we won't be completing / won't have completed it by tomorrow afternoon but you will have / are having it on your desk Thursday morning at the latest.

A: Why is he so stressed?

B: His flight is about to leave / leaves in two hours and he can't find his passport.

A: I will have called / am going to call you tomorrow around 3 to tell you where we're meeting.

B: I will be attended / will attend a seminar at that time. Just text me.

A: Ok I will do / am doing it!

A: You said you would help me clean the house today.

B: I know and I'm sorry. I really have to go. I promise I will make / will be making it up to you



Choose A or B to write a letter of application or an opinion essay. (20)

A-Imagine you are 18 years old and you are interested in being part of the Police department in Florida. Here it's your chance to enter and make a difference. Read a job vacancy that was published at the Police Department webpage" on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Write an application letter applying for the job. Don't forget to include all this:

- Address the letter to Chief of Florida Police Department
- Open the letter by introducing yourself and describing your interests
- Outline your experience and qualifications
- Include aspects of your personality
- Express appreciation
- Close the letter

#### CURRENT VACANCY

Police officer

**Are you ready to serve your Community? Submit your application today!**

In response to the recent expansion of our workforce, we are looking for highly motivated, hardworking, and ethical men and women who are seeking a career in law enforcement, to join our progressive department and serve a great community.

Perform general police work includes interacting with a culturally and socially diverse population, employing discretion in solving problems, maintaining public order, preventing crime, enforcing laws and ordinances, conducting investigations, making arrests, issuing summonses/citations and warnings, and assisting the public. Upon successful completion of academy instruction, the incumbent receives further training in the Field Officer Training Program. This class is responsible for performing related duties as required.

#### Qualifications & Requirements

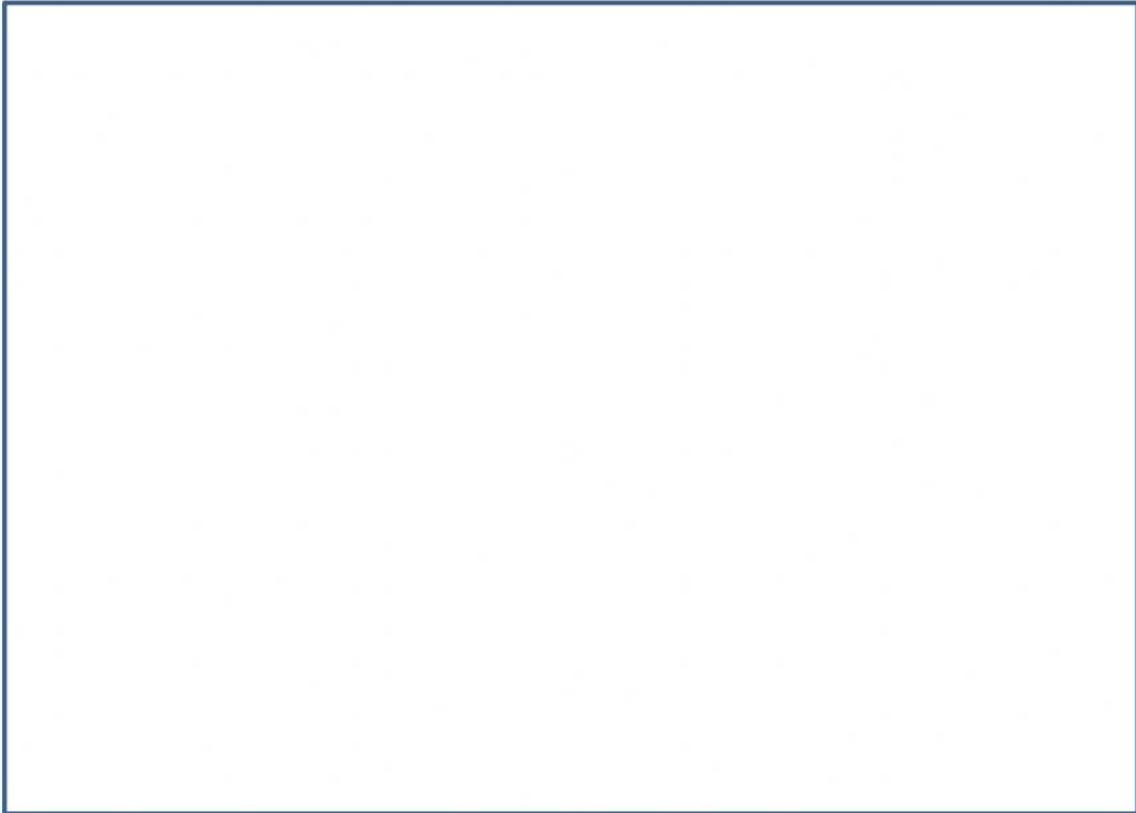
**Employee Values:** All employees are expected to uphold and exhibit the City's shared employee values of Knowledge, Respect, and Integrity.

**Minimum Qualifications Required.** Graduation from high school.

**Age:** 18 - 21

Florida Police Department  
404 Palm Av.  
Florida

**A- A Letter of application**



**B- Write a four-paragraph opinion essay.**

How to prevent crime?

