Unit 14 POLITICAL and SOCIAL MATTERS

VOCABULARY

1 Choose the correct word or collocation from the bank given.

housing benefit	*income tax*	*a (trade) union*	*student grant / allowance*	*unemployment*
recession	*unemployment benefit*	*family allowance/child benefit/ child allowance*		*priority*

1 a temporarily bad time in a country's economy .....
2 an organised association of workers in a particular job / profession .....
3 the most important thing .....
4 the situation in which many people are out of work .....
5 the money you can get when you are out of work .....
6 the money you can get when you study .....
7 the money you can get if your rent is very high .....
8 the money you can get to support your children .....
9 the money you pay to the state from your earnings .....

3 Read the sentences and match the described crimes with the words in the box.

forgery	*domestic violence*	*burglary*	*mugging*	*hacking*
hooliganism	*pickpocketing*	*hijacking*	*blackmail*	*vandalism*

1 The burglar's presence was betrayed by a creaking floorboard. .....
2 The neighbours often saw Mrs Fowler with bruises on her face. .....
3 Three youths attacked the old lady in the dark side street and ran off with her handbag. .....
4 They are still holding eight people hostage on the plane. .....
5 The criminals were caught red-handed as they were exchanging fake notes at the bank. .....
6 She threatened to show the photos to his boss unless she got a thousand dollars. .....
7 Some drunken fans ran around smashing things and fighting other youths. .....
8 The students accessed the secret information from the bank computer system. .....
9 The teenagers were accused of deliberately damaging ten new phone boxes. .....
10 The wallet with a big sum of money was stolen from his back pocket. .....

LIVEWORKSHEETS

While speaking try to use the following expressions:

In my opinion, ...	I'm not sure I agree .....,	Regarding the fact that .....,
Well, I suppose	As far as I know .....,	From my point of view, ...
However, ...	I assume that	Taking into account .....
Despite the fact that	To my mind, ...	In spite of the fact that .....

- Which is better: to own a flat / house or to rent it? Why?

- Would you rather live in a quiet residential neighbourhood or in the centre of a big town? Why?

- Which would you prefer: living in a block of flats or in a detached house? Why?

- What are the benefits and drawbacks of living in a large city?

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