

# Crime, Law and Justice



## • Vocabulary

Choose the correct verbs from A to fill the gaps. Put the verb in the correct form.

- 1 The governor on the province was ..... for wrongful use of state money.
- 2 The prisoner decided to ..... an appeal against the court's decision.
- 3 The appeal court ..... the verdict of the lower court and the prisoner was released.
- 4 In English law, a previous legal decision usually ..... a precedent for future decisions.
- 5 Judges often ..... custody to the mother rather than the father.
- 6 I'm not asking you to break the rules, just to ..... them a little.
- 7 You ..... my legal rights by not allowing me to vote.
- 8 Witnesses charged with perjury are accused of ..... the course of justice.
- 9 The marriage was ..... because the man had never properly divorced his first wife.
- 10 The Supreme Court ..... the murder conviction and the man was freed.

A

Lodge  
Set  
Pervert  
Annul  
Impeach  
Bend  
Award  
Infringe  
Quash  
Overturn

Which of the crimes in B might each of these people be charged with?

- 1 A camper who spent a night on a farmer's land without asking permission.
- 2 A businessman who diverted funds from the account of the company he worked for into his own personal account.
- 3 An employer who gave a job to a man although he was less suitable for the post than a woman applicant.
- 4 A witness who gave false evidence in court.
- 5 A person who kept making inappropriate comments about a colleague's personal appearance.
- 6 A board member who took advantage of what they knew about the business's plans to make a profit on the stock market.
- 7 A person who follows someone or calls them every day and buys them gifts even though they are not in a relationship.

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| <p>B</p> <p>Harassment</p> <p>Insider dealing</p> <p>Discrimination</p> <p>Embezzlement</p> <p>Perjury</p> <p>Stalking</p> <p>Trespassing</p> |
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Choose a noun from each of these verbs to complete each sentence.

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| <p>impeach    allege    contravene    annul    harass    infringe    pervert    amend</p> |
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- 1 Parliament is currently discussing a number of ..... to the current laws on citizenship.
- 2 Amy took her employer to court for ..... in the workplace.
- 3 Some people consider ..... of others' rights as being as serious a crime as theft.
- 4 By taking on work for a competitor Nathan was in ..... of the terms of his contract.
- 5 The trial was criticised by many as a ..... of justice.
- 6 To suggest that Leah took the money is a very serious .....
- 7 The circumstances are such that I think the judge may agree to a(n) ..... of their marriage.
- 8 The ..... of a president has only taken place a couple of times in US history.

Choose an expression from C to complete each sentence.

- 1 You should let the police deal with the situation – it's far too risky to .....
- 2 Sam started getting into trouble when he got in with a gang of habitual .....
- 3 You shouldn't start ..... on your first day in a new job.
- 4 Masha will never be able to get Vadim to conform – he's .....
- 5 Isabelle is far too ..... to agree to bring extra cigarettes into the country.

C

- laying down the law
- law-abiding
- law-breakers
- a law unto himself
- take the law into your own hands

## • Collocations

Choose the correct collocation.

- 1 Someone might get out of prison early for *soaring* / *extenuating* / *good* behaviour.
- 2 If you get a custodial sentence, you *go to prison* / *only serve the sentence if you commit another crime* / *have to do some community service*.
- 3 If you are remanded in custody, you are *allowed to go home* / *obliged to pay some money* / *kept in prison*.
- 4 If you serve out a sentence, you are *released from prison early* / *kept in prison for the full amount of time* / *kept in prison for life*.
- 5 If charges are trumped-up, they are *accurate* / *invented* / *exaggerated*.

## • Idioms

**Circle the logical answer(s). Sometimes both answers may be logical.**

- 1 The police were lying in wait for *the robbers* | *their colleagues*.
- 2 We want to nip *roller skating* | *under-age drinking* in the bud.
- 3 They made off with the *money* | *jewels*.
- 4 She was in possession of *her clothes* | *secret information*.
- 5 They're having a crackdown on *shopping* | *gambling*.

**Write in the missing prepositions.**

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| 1 | lie | wait           | somebody | 5 | the wake      | something |
| 2 | be  | the lookout    | somebody | 6 | make off      | something |
| 3 |     | broad daylight |          | 7 | possession    | something |
| 4 |     | gunpoint       |          | 8 | nip something | the bud   |



**Match each statement (1–9) with a suitable response (a–i).**

- 1 I think teenagers who commit a crime should be sent to prison for a week and given a really hard time.
  - 2 I see the police have been called in about the missing money at the tennis club.
  - 3 People who throw litter in the street ought to be prosecuted.
  - 4 Wow, the police charged Tony with every possible offence they could think of!
  - 5 It didn't take long for the police to arrive, did it?
  - 6 I heard that Donald was actually in prison years ago.
  - 7 Apparently, Angela Smith was in prison when she was younger.
  - 8 That famous computer hacker, Jin Soon, is apparently a reformed character.
  - 9 It's amazing how that former burglar is helping the police investigate crime in the neighbourhood.
- a Yes, they say she did time for attacking her husband's lover.
  - b Yes, it's a real case of poacher turned gamekeeper.
  - c Yes, I agree. They should be brought to book.
  - d Yes, someone told me he had done a stretch, but I don't know what for.
  - e Yes, the thieves won't be able to escape from the long arm of the law.
  - f Yes, a short sharp shock would do them good!
  - g No, the boys in blue were soon on the scene!
  - h Yes, they really threw the book at him, didn't they!
  - i Yes, he's back on the straight and narrow.