

## Crime Vocabulary

### 1 Complete the news summaries with the words below.

arson arsonist burglars burgled looters looting  
mugger muggings shoplifters shoplifting

1 Someone set fire to an empty building early this morning. Police said it was \_\_\_\_\_ and that they haven't caught the \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

2 Someone attacked a woman and stole her handbag. She did not see the face of the \_\_\_\_\_. There have been a lot of similar \_\_\_\_\_ in the area.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ broke into five shops last night. They took money and goods. Someone had \_\_\_\_\_ two of the shops before.

4 After a flood caused damage, \_\_\_\_\_ took food and tools from several buildings. All of the suspects had received fines for \_\_\_\_\_ before.

5 Often young people's friends encourage them to steal from shops. It seems like a game, but \_\_\_\_\_ is a crime, and \_\_\_\_\_ can receive large fines.

## 2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

arrest CCTV footage culprit investigation  
patrol searched suspect witnesses

- 1 As soon as a neighbour reported the murder, the police launched an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 The police \_\_\_\_\_ the house for clues.
- 3 Two detectives have arrested a \_\_\_\_\_, a man who has committed many crimes before.
- 4 The police can't make an \_\_\_\_\_ until they have more evidence.
- 5 The police chief was on the news appealing for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 There are cameras in the area so the police have \_\_\_\_\_ to study.
- 7 A witness came forward and identified the \_\_\_\_\_ from a photograph.
- 8 Several guards \_\_\_\_\_ the area around the palace day and night to check that everything is secure.

## 3 Match the two parts of the compound nouns.

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| 1 a murder _____    | a car           |
| 2 a _____ ticket    | b chewing       |
| 3 _____ gum         | c secret        |
| 4 finger _____      | d dental        |
| 5 _____ records     | e investigation |
| 6 an open-top _____ | f number        |
| 7 a telephone _____ | g train         |
| 8 a _____ code      | h prints        |

## Word Skills

### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 The criminal chose the most \_\_\_\_\_ way to travel – by bus. (economy)
  - 2 The food was disappointing: overpriced and \_\_\_\_\_. (taste)
  - 3 The witness said the suspect had \_\_\_\_\_ eyes: a mixture of brown and green. (brown)
  - 4 It was \_\_\_\_\_ that James wasn't carrying anything valuable when he was mugged. He only lost a cheap watch. (luck)
  - 5 The police are pleased when burglars are \_\_\_\_\_ and leave fingerprints behind. (care)
  - 6 They noticed the contrast between the \_\_\_\_\_ setting and the terrible crime. (peace)
  - 7 The mugging victim was \_\_\_\_\_ that the police hadn't arrested anyone. (fury)
  - 8 The lawyer didn't want to use him as a witness because he wasn't very \_\_\_\_\_ – his version of what happened kept changing. (rely)
  - 9 It's \_\_\_\_\_ to walk around on your own late at night. (danger)
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