



# Crime and punishment idioms

CHOOSE THE BEST WORD FOR THE FOLLOWING SPACES:

- 1) The company accountant was arrested by the police for cooking the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Committing fraud or falsifying information)
- 2) The full extent of the crimes committed by the president was revealed to the public by a \_\_\_\_\_ who published everything online. (An informant or source who exposes crimes or bad practices in the public interest)
- 3) She didn't receive a fair trial. It was almost a \_\_\_\_\_ court. After she appealed, the original verdict was quashed. (Bad, illegal, or extremely unfair trial)
- 4) Laura's boss looks very angry. I think she is for the \_\_\_\_\_. (In a great deal of trouble with serious consequences)
- 5) Laura's boss looks very angry. I think she is for the \_\_\_\_\_. (Going to be dismissed from her job)
- 6) My neighbour is doing \_\_\_\_\_ for armed robbery. (Serving a prison sentence)
- 7) Four people are in the \_\_\_\_\_ over what happened at last Saturday's football match. (On trial, facing the judge)
- 8) There has been a \_\_\_\_\_ from the local prison. 4 dangerous prisoners have escaped. (Successful escape attempt)
- 9) Some prisoners have escaped from the local prison. Two were recaptured straight away but four remain on the \_\_\_\_\_. (Free, not yet caught)
- 10) Some prisoners have escaped from the local prison. Two were recaptured straight away but four remain at \_\_\_\_\_. (Free, not yet caught)
- 11) They were as thick as \_\_\_\_\_ when they were younger but nowadays, they hardly see each other.  
(Inseparable, close and intimate)
- 12) A lot of people would like to see the Prime Minister behind \_\_\_\_\_ for starting an illegal war. (In prison)
- 13) My cousin, Kevin, used to be a terrible thief. He was always stealing things. But now that he's older and has a decent job, he has decided to go \_\_\_\_\_. (Stop committing crimes)
- 14) Police are looking for a \_\_\_\_\_-and-run driver who knocked over and seriously injured two men and then drove away without stopping. (A dangerous driver that doesn't stop after accidents)
- 15) There was a \_\_\_\_\_ and grab robbery in the jeweller's over the road. They broke the window and stole a necklace. (Break a shop window to steal something)
- 16) Everybody must comply fully with the letter of the \_\_\_\_\_. We should obey all the rules with no exception. (Be 100% legal in one's actions)
- 17) We have caught a burglar in our house. My brother wants to beat him up but we are calling the police. We shouldn't take the law into our own \_\_\_\_\_. (Illegally enforce the law and dispense justice)
- 18) The police caught the robbers \_\_\_\_\_ just as they were leaving the bank. (Captured while committing the crime)
- 19) The robbery was very efficient and the police suspect it was an \_\_\_\_\_ job.  
(Committed by somebody with a connection to the place or organisation that was robbed)

