

# Vocabulary in context

## Crimes

1 ☆ Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 There was a murder/burglary at the house next door yesterday, but they didn't take much.
- 2 Be careful when you open messages from people you don't know. Cybercrime/Vandalism is a real danger these days.
- 3 There are a lot of police at this port because smuggling/shoplifting often happens here.
- 4 Look at the news! There was a bank kidnapping/robbery in town last night!
- 5 Don't go out alone in this area at night. Muggings/Arsons are a real problem around here.
- 6 The police think that the fire at the mansion was a case of cybercrime/arson.

5 ☆☆☆ Complete the news stories with the correct words.

## CRIME NEWS

Police are investigating a (a) ..... of arson at Manor Flats in Malbury. If you saw anything, please contact them. They want to speak to all (b) .....

After police questioned Joe Lyons of 16, Moncar Avenue, they (c) ..... him and (d) ..... him with burglary. Lyons is now in prison. He protests that he is innocent and says that he can (e) ..... it.

Police confirm that the actor Marsha Noble is not a (f) ..... in a case of diamond smuggling. Ms Noble says the media (g) ..... her without evidence.

## Detective work

4 ☆☆ Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box.

analysed • charged • investigated • proved • questioned • searched for

- 1 Detective Parker ..... evidence and, when she found it, she ..... it.
- 2 The police ..... 20 cases of robbery last week.
- 3 They ..... the suspect and then they ..... him.
- 4 The man ..... his innocence, so he was free to go.

☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with a word describing a crime or a criminal.

- 1 Did you hear about the ..... who tried to steal 100 cans of cola from the supermarket?
- 2 The cause of many forest fires is .....
- 3 ..... attacked a senior citizen in the street last night.
- 4 When a ..... takes place in your house, it's important to tell the police.
- 5 Last night, police arrested ..... at the port. They had 20kg of gold in their van.
- 6 There's something wrong with my computer. Do you think a ..... is controlling it?

## Vocabulary extension ☆☆☆

6 Write the verbs from the nouns. Use a dictionary if necessary.

- 1 robbery
- 2 vandalism
- 3 murder
- 4 hacker
- 5 mugging
- 6 kidnapping
- 7 smuggling
- 8 burglary
- 9 witness
- 10 suspect