

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.

★★★ 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 places 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?

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.

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