

Find at least three words in the text containing vowels or groups of vowels which are pronounced in the same way as /ai/ in crime, /ʌ/ in study and /i:/ in these.

Today's Criminals

Why do young people commit crimes? An amazing twenty-five per cent of young people in the UK have been victims of crime in the last year. Who has committed those crimes? Believe it or not, other teens! According to a UK study, one quarter of all young people between the ages of 11 and 16 have committed a crime in the last year! Who are these young criminals? All kinds of teens commit crimes, but teens are much more likely to commit crimes if they are not in school. The typical young offender is a 14- to 16-year-old male school drop-out, and the typical crime is theft, vandalism or assault. But boys are not the only criminals. For the last few years, the number of girls committing crimes - and going to prison - has risen - and, since this study began, the ages of these criminals has fallen. Girls are more likely to commit a crime at the age of 14 than at any other age! Why do these young people commit crimes? Most teens say it is because of boredom, peer pressure and alcohol use.

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