

Crime and the law

1 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 Sally didn't realize that she had broken / countered / denied the law.
- 2 The police have banned / cancelled / refused parking in this street.
- 3 I must remember to get a / an agreement / licence / permission for my television.
- 4 The president admitted that there had been a breakdown of law and crime / government / order.
- 5 Jim's parents wouldn't agree / allow / let him go to the demonstration.
- 6 Jake was arrested because he had entered the country falsely / illegally / wrongly.
- 7 Talking to other students is against the law / orders / rules of the examination.
- 8 The two men were arrested before they could commit / make / perform any more crimes.
- 9 I had to take the company to court / justice / law to get the money they owed me.
- 10 Smoking is compulsory / prohibited / refused near the petrol tanks.

2 Match each word in the box with a suitable description (1–12).

blackmailer	forgery	hooligan	murderer	shoplifter	vandal
burglar	hijacker	kidnapper	pickpocket	smuggler	witness

- 1 This person takes control of a plane or boat by force. ...hijacker.....
- 2 This person sees what happens during a crime or accident.
- 3 This person brings goods into the country illegally.
- 4 This person might steal food from a supermarket.
- 5 This person kills someone on purpose.
- 6 This person takes people and demands money for their return.
- 7 This person makes illegal copies of paintings, documents, etc.
- 8 This person damages other people's property.
- 9 This person might steal your wallet in a crowd.
- 10 This person steals from houses.
- 11 This person gets money from others by threatening to tell secrets.
- 12 This person causes trouble at football matches.

3 Complete each sentence (1–10) with a suitable ending (a–j). Use each ending once.

- 1 I decided to buy a burglar alarm after someone broke
- 2 When Alan was stopped outside the supermarket he ended
- 3 As it was Sheila's first offence she was let
- 4 After climbing over the prison wall, Peter managed to get
- 5 The old couple who live opposite were taken
- 6 At the end of the trial Hilary was found
- 7 My neighbours admitted denting my car but got away
- 8 The bank at the end of the street was held
- 9 Nobody saw Jack cheating and he got away with
- 10 The hijackers took fifteen people

- a in by a salesman who cheated them out of their money.
- b away by stealing a car parked nearby.
- c up at the police station, charged with shoplifting.
- d it, although everyone suspected what had happened.
- e into my house and stole my stereo.
- f off with only a warning.
- g with paying only £100 damages.
- h hostage and demanded £1,000,000 from the authorities.
- i guilty and sentenced to six months in prison.
- j up by two masked men last week.

4 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

accused	evidence	guilty	lawyer	statement
charged	fine	jury	sentence	suspect

- 1 The customs officers arrested Bob and ...*charged*... him with smuggling.
- 2 The police spent all morning searching the house for
- 3 Jean left her car in a no-parking area and had to pay a / an
- 4 Unfortunately at the end of the trial my brother was found
- 5 The trial took a long time as the couldn't reach a verdict.
- 6 George won his case because he had a very good defence
- 7 The police visited Dawn and asked her to make a / an
- 8 Because of his past criminal record, Brian was the main
- 9 Pauline decided to sue the police because she had been wrongly
- 10 The murderer of the children received a life

5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 Most schools in my country no longer have punishment.
A physical B capital C bodily D corporal
- 2 The policemen following the robbers were in clothes.
A plain B ordinary C normal D simple
- 3 The two old ladies were of their purses.
A stolen B attacked C robbed D snatched
- 4 At the end of the story, the hero manages to arrest the
A offenders B villains C wrongs D evils
- 5 I had to answer question A because it was
A compulsory B necessary C a must D an obligation
- 6 Charles could not having been at the scene of the crime.
A refuse B object C deny D alter
- 7 As there was no evidence, the judge dismissed the
A trial B witness C court D case
- 8 If your dog damages your neighbour's property, you could be
A guilty B liable C payable D illegal
- 9 After ten years in prison, Stephen was and set free.
A pardoned B released C innocent D forgiven
- 10 The detective inspector told the young to make some tea.
A officer B official C guardian D police

6 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

- 1 They said that John had stolen the money.
They accused John of stealing the money
- 2 Ian said that he hadn't punched anybody.
Ian denied
- 3 'OK, Andy, you can go now,' said the detective.
The detective gave Andy
- 4 'James Frogget, you will go to prison for ten years,' said the judge.
The judge sentenced
- 5 'I forged the signature,' said Mary.
Mary admitted
- 6 Harry stole £60,000 and was arrested.
Harry was arrested
- 7 'We saw the accused break into the car,' said the witnesses.
The witnesses stated
- 8 Graham said that he wouldn't go to the police station.
Graham refused
- 9 'It's true,' said Norman, 'I stole the money.'
Norman confessed to
- 10 'Can you come with me, please,' the detective said to Helen.
The detective asked

- 7 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Arthur's life of crime

At his last trial, nobody believed in Arthur's (1) ~~innocence~~ . He INNOCENT
 had been accused of the (2) of a valuable Chinese vase, THIEF
 and was also charged with ten other (3) The value of OFFEND
 the (4) goods was said to be over £20,000. Arthur said STEAL
 in his own (5) that the vase had been put into his car DEFEND
 (6) He also pointed out that the Chinese vase was a ACCIDENT
 fake, and was almost (7) The judge did not believe WORTH
 Arthur's story. He told Arthur he was a hardened (8) CRIME
 and that he deserved a severe (9) Then PUNISH
 the judge sentenced Arthur to five years' (10) PRISON
 Arthur just smiled. He had spent most of his life in prison and so
 he was used to it.

- 8 Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- 1 Harry was told that fishing in the lake was against / by / over the law.
- 2 Catherine led a secret life for / in / of crime before she was caught.
- 3 Having trouble with your laptop? Send at / for / to Computafix!
- 4 I regret to tell you that you are for / in / under arrest.
- 5 I only attacked the young man from / in / with self-defence.
- 6 David was often at / in / with trouble with the police when he was young.
- 7 The robbers' car was hidden below / by / from sight behind the bank.
- 8 The kidnappers have been caught, and the child is no longer at / in / on danger.
- 9 Tony was caught by a policeman who was off / out / away from duty and cycling to work.
- 10 The thieves took the wrong painting by / in / under mistake.
- 11 The suspicious manager left the safe unlocked from / on / with purpose.
- 12 The robbers met to plan the bank raid from / in / with secret.

9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.



Inspector Crumb investigates

'I think I know the identity of the murderer,' said Inspector Crumb, 'and at (1) one of the guests in this hotel was a / an (2) to the crime, probably by (3) I believe that the same guest is also a (4), and has been given money by the killer.' 'So whoever (5) this terrible crime is still here,' I said. 'But of course. In (6) he – or she – is in this room, and will soon be (7) arrest.' There was silence for a moment. I noticed that everyone was trying to look (8), but they all looked guilty instead! 'Do you have any (9), Inspector,' asked Lady Grimshaw finally, 'or are you simply (10) people for fun? If you intend to (11) someone, you should do it now.' The Inspector smiled. 'I asked you here (12) purpose, Lady Grimshaw. I have been reading your (13), you see, and it is quite clear that you have told several (14)' 'How dare you!' Lady Grimshaw spluttered. 'Do you (15) that you were with Tim Dawson in the garden on the night of the murder?' the Inspector said. 'You forgot about the security cameras, you see ...'

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| 1 A last | B least | C the | D school |
| 2 A witness | B offender | C guilty | D verdict |
| 3 A now | B damages | C law | D accident |
| 4 A blackmailer | B hostage | C hooligan | D forger |
| 5 A confessed | B committed | C admitted | D performed |
| 6 A crime | B self-defence | C fact | D danger |
| 7 A to | B having | C under | D my |
| 8 A accused | B suspicious | C ordinary | D innocent |
| 9 A evidence | B witness | C permission | D body |
| 10 A suspecting | B suing | C denying | D accusing |
| 11 A trial | B charge | C sentence | D confess |
| 12 A with | B for | C on | D by |
| 13 A statement | B biography | C evident | D history |
| 14 A people | B errors | C times | D lies |
| 15 A refuse | B deny | C contradict | D suppose |