13 Crimes: Robbery



Get ready!

1 **Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

1 What are some valuable items that people often carry?

2 How can people avoid being robbed?

Reading

2 **Read the police report. Read the summary. Then, fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.**

WORD BANK

money robbery thief knife

A 1 _____ approached Rosa Hernandez in an alley. He demanded her 2 _____ and wedding ring. The thief threatened to hurt Rosa with a 3 _____ if she did not cooperate. Rosa put her valuable items on the ground. The thief stole the items and ran away. Rosa reported the 4 _____ to the police.

POLICE REPORT

On January 17 at 1:00 AM, I answered a call to 112 4th Street about a **robbery**.

I spoke to the victim, Rosa Hernandez. She stated that a tall man **approached** her in an alley and **mugged** her. The thief **came up** behind Hernandez and held her at **knifepoint**. The thief then **demanded** all of her valuable items. He **threatened** to harm Hernandez unless she cooperated.

Hernandez dropped her **cash** and wedding **ring** on the ground. The thief **stole** the items and then ran to the street.

Hernandez did not see the attacker's face clearly.

Vocabulary

3 **Check (✓) the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.**

1 ___ A A thief demanded Vera outside her house yesterday.
___ B A married person often wears a ring.

2 ___ A People use cash to buy things.
___ B Everyone praised the officer for stealing the suspect.

3 ___ A The thief ran away when he saw the officer approach him.
___ B A robbery is a way to catch a criminal.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Choose the correct word for each blank.

1 demanded / threatened
- A Sharon _____ that the suspect stop running.
- B The officer _____ to arrest the man.

2 knifepoint / robbery
- A The man was held at _____ .
- B The police caught Sergio after he committed a _____ .

3 come up / mug
- A Someone tried to _____ Amy in the alley.
- B Marty turned around when he heard someone _____ behind him.

4 steal / approach
- A Criminals would rather _____ items than pay for them.
- B _____ the suspect quietly so he does not hear us coming.

5 Listen and read the report again. Would Ms. Hernandez be able to identify the robber easily?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between a police officer and a woman. Mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).

1 __ The thief cut the woman during the robbery.
2 __ The woman did not see the thief's face.
3 __ The officer disagreed with the woman's actions.

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Officer: Please take a **1** _____ _____, Ms. Hernandez, and tell me what happened.
Woman: Okay, officer. I was returning to my hotel. And a man suddenly **2** _____ _____ _____ me.
Officer: What did he **3** _____ _____?
Woman: I don't know. He wore a mask over his face. **4** _____ _____ _____ he had a knife.
Officer: Are you hurt?
Woman: No, he didn't cut me. He just held the knife out and **5** _____ _____. So I gave him my cash and ring.
Officer: Well, I'm glad **6** _____ _____ _____. You did the right thing.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:
Tell me ...
Are you ...
He didn't ...

Student A: You are a police officer. Ask Student B about:
- a robbery
- the thief
- his / her condition

Make up a name for the victim.

Student B: You were robbed at knifepoint. Answer Student A's questions.

Writing

9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the police report. Make up a name for the officer.

Police Report

Officer: _____
Victim: _____
Incident type: _____
Describe the incident: _____
_____
_____
If items were stolen, list items:
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS