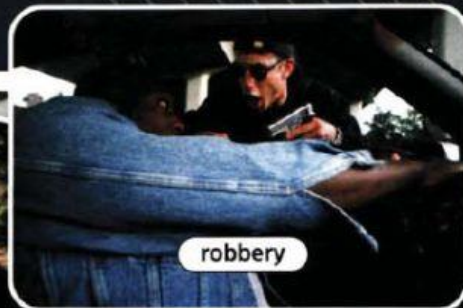
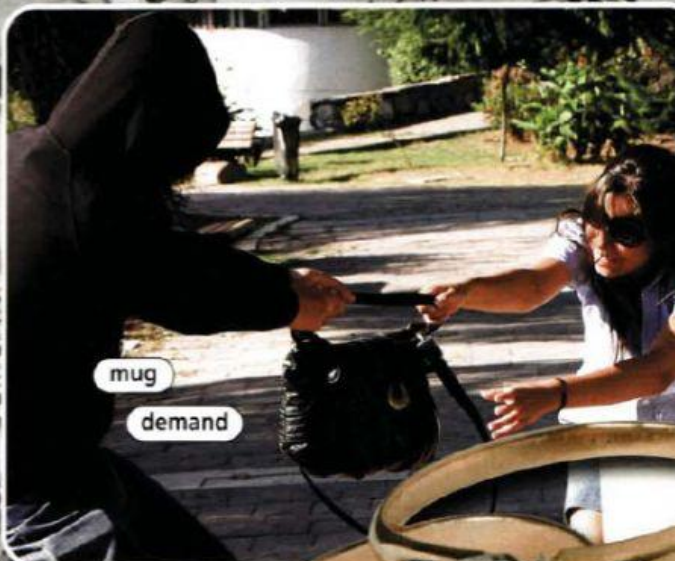


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cash

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 **demand**ed 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.

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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: _____
