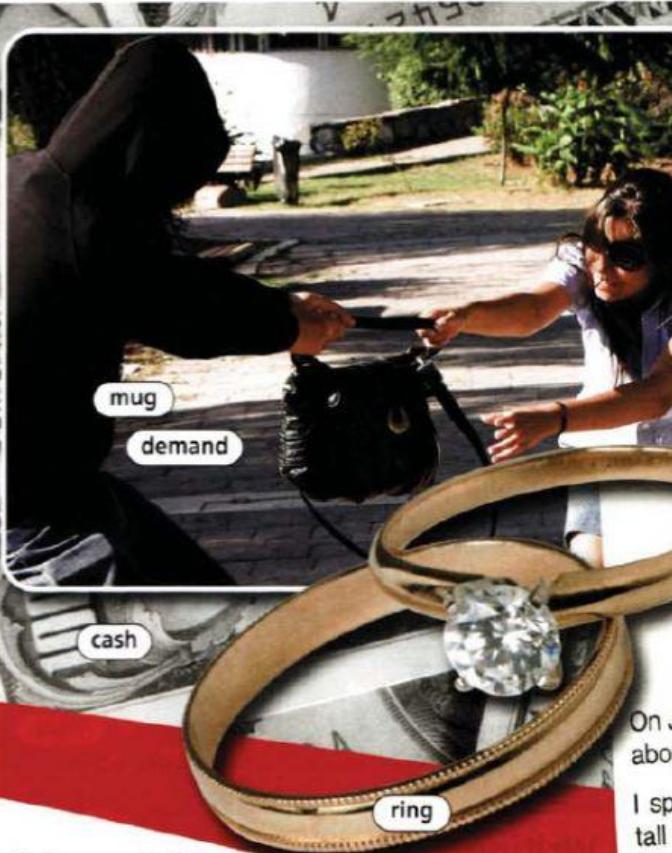


# 13 Crimes: Robbery



## 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.

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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:	