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Cutting crime

No-one truly knows a nation until
one has been inside its jails.
Nelson Mandela

G the passive (all forms); have something done; it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc. V crime and punishment P the letter u

1 VOCABULARY crime and punishment

a Complete the text with the words in the list.

be-burgled break into burglar burglary steal

I never thought that my flat would ¹be burgled because I live on the third floor. But one day, I came home to find the lock on my front door was broken. When I called the police to report the ²_____, a police officer came to the flat and had a look round. She said that the ³_____ had probably climbed over the roofs of the houses behind to ⁴_____ the flat through a window. He had then broken the lock on the front door to leave. The thief didn't ⁵_____ much – just some money and an old camera of mine – but I was shocked that it had been so easy for him to get into my flat.

b Read the definitions and complete the missing letters in the crime.

- 1 entering a building illegally and stealing things from it
burglary
- 2 killing somebody deliberately
mudule
- 3 giving money or valuable items to a person to persuade them to help you
brubule
- 4 following and watching somebody over a long period of time in a way that is annoying or frightening
stukulle
- 5 destroying or damaging something, especially public property, deliberately and for no good reason
vudule
- 6 demanding money from a person by threatening to tell somebody else a secret about them
blumule
- 7 using violence or threats to take control of a vehicle, often in order to demand something from a government
hujucku
- 8 selling illegal drugs
drudule
- 9 using violent action in order to achieve political aims or force a government to act
turruru

- 10 finding a way to look at or change information on somebody else's computer system without permission
hucku
- 11 forcing somebody to have sex with you when they do not want to by threatening them or using violence
ru____
- 12 stealing something from a person or place
thu____
- 13 cheating somebody to get money or goods illegally
fru____
- 14 stealing money from a bank, shop, person, etc., especially using violence or threats
rubbu____
- 15 attacking somebody violently in order to steal their money, especially in a public place
muggu____
- 16 taking, sending, or bringing goods secretly or illegally into or out of a country
smuggulu
- 17 taking somebody away illegally and keeping them as a prisoner, especially in order to get money
kunuppu

c Complete the chart.

criminal	verb
¹ burglar	burglare
²	murder
X	bribe
3	stalk
4	vandalize
5	blackmail
6	hijack
7	sell drugs
8	set off bombs, etc.
9	hack
10	rape
11	steal
12	commit fraud
13	rob
14	mug
15	smuggle
16	kidnap

d Complete the sentences with the past simple form of a verb from c.

- Police are looking for a man who attacked and raped a woman yesterday afternoon as she was walking home.
- Fortunately, the gang robbed the bank when there were no customers inside.
- The woman followed the actor for many years, following him wherever he went.
- They smuggled \$1 million worth of electronic goods into the country before they were caught at customs.
- The construction company bribed the mayor with tens of thousands of pounds for permission to build houses on the land.
- Two men robbed my friend at knifepoint yesterday. They took all her money.
- The woman committed fraud by pretending she was a psychic and charging people.
- Some teenagers robbed my house while I was away and took all my music equipment.
- Apparently, she poisoned her husband by poisoning him because she was planning to claim the insurance money.
- Someone stole my car from outside my house last night.
- They threatened the businessman by threatening to send the photographs to his wife if he didn't pay them the money.
- Two armed men robbed the plane and forced the pilot to take them to the nearest airport.
- The boy smuggled drugs because he thought it was an easier way to get money than having a job.
- The terrorists placed a bomb inside a crowded shopping centre.
- A couple kidnapped the politician as he left his house and later demanded £1 million for his safe return.
- Youths damaged the park last night and damaged a lot of trees and flowers.
- Someone stole my computer last month and stole my personal details.



e Complete the text with the words in the lists.

Nouns

court evidence judge jury proof punishment verdict witnesses

Verbs

accused acquitted arrest catch charged committed investigate question sentenced

It is the job of the police to ¹ investigate crimes and try to ² catch the criminal or criminals who ³ committed the crime. When the police have a suspect, they can ⁴ arrest him or her and take them to the police station to ⁵ question them. If the suspect is ⁶ accused with the crime, they have to appear in front of a ⁷ judge and maybe a ⁸ jury (of 12 people) in ⁹ court. Here they are ¹⁰ tried of the crime and ¹¹ witnesses may be called to give ¹² evidence. If there is no ¹³ proof that they were involved in the crime, they are ¹⁴ acquitted. If not, they have to wait for the ¹⁵ verdict. If they are found guilty, they are given a ¹⁶ punishment. In some cases, they may be ¹⁷ sentenced to spend a period of time in prison.

2 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

con claim hand over impression prey scam target wary

- Be careful when buying something from an unfamiliar website, because someone might try to con you.
- Fake gas inspectors target elderly people living alone.
- We were under the impression that we had booked an apartment, but in fact it didn't exist.
- The robbers ordered the bank staff to hand over the money if they didn't want to get hurt.
- He tried to claim he had made a mistake, but it was obvious he was lying.
- I'm wary of giving someone my email address if I don't know them very well.
- A common scam in big cities is for a tourist to be sprayed with a liquid and then have their wallet stolen by a person helping to clean the mess.
- The gang chose to target small jewellery shops in the hope that they would be easier to rob.

3 PRONUNCIATION the letter u

a Circle the word with a different sound.

1 	bird	burglar	murderer	verdict	very
2 	up	community	drugs	judge	smuggle
3 	tourist	during	future	jury	secure
4 		accuse	new	punish	useful
5 	horse	court	guilty	stalker	fraud

b 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

4 GRAMMAR the passive (all forms); have something done; it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc.

a Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.



Last month my motorbike ¹was taken (take) from outside my house. When I called the police, I ²found out (find out) that over 20 motorbikes ³were stolen (steal) in my area in the previous six months. The officer I spoke to promised me that the thief would ⁴be caught (catch) and punished as soon as possible.

First, the police ⁵questioned (question) all the victims of the thefts and ⁶visited (visit) all the motorbike dealers in the area. Their investigations came to an end late last night when they identified the criminal...as my next-door neighbour!

He ⁷was just arrested (just arrest), and at the moment he ⁸is held (hold) at the local police station. His case ⁹will be heard (hear) in the magistrate's court next week and everyone ¹⁰expects (expect) him to be found guilty. He might ¹¹be given (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes ¹²were stolen (steal) in my area in the future.

b Rewrite the sentences with have something done.

- 1 Someone is going to change the lock on my front door.
I'm going to have the lock on my front door changed.
- 2 Someone tests our burglar alarm twice a year.
We have our burglar alarm tested twice a year.
- 3 A mechanic has repaired my car.
I have my car repaired.
- 4 Someone broke our windows when we were on holiday.
We had our windows broken when we were on holiday.
- 5 Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.
I will have my carpets cleaned in the spring.
- 6 Someone has hacked my boyfriend's computer.
My boyfriend had his computer hacked.
- 7 Someone cleans Oliver's flat once a week.
Oliver has his flat cleaned once a week.
- 8 A company is redesigning our garden.
We are having our garden redesigned.

c Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 It is known that the rapist is a local man.
The rapist is known to be a local man.
- 2 The blackmailer is understood to be a colleague of the victim.
It is understood that the blackmailer is a colleague of the victim.
- 3 It is expected that the man will be acquitted.
The man is expected to be acquitted.
- 4 It is reported that kidnappers have taken the president's wife.
Kidnappers have taken the president's wife.
- 5 The terrorists are thought to be in hiding somewhere in France.
It is thought that the terrorists are in hiding somewhere in France.
- 6 The suspect is known to be dangerous.
It is known that the suspect is dangerous.
- 7 The police are said to have arrested three men.
It is said that the police have arrested three men.
- 8 It is reported that vandals have damaged several buildings in the area.
Vandals have damaged several buildings in the area.

d Write an anecdote about a crime that you or someone you know was affected by. Use the passive and causative have.