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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 <sup>1</sup> *be 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 <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, a police officer came to the flat and had a look round. She said that the <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ had probably climbed over the roofs of the houses behind to <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the flat through a window. He had then broken the lock on the front door to leave. The thief didn't <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

- entering a building illegally and stealing things from it  
b u r g l a r y
- killing somebody deliberately  
m \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_
- giving money or valuable items to a person to persuade them to help you  
br \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_
- following and watching somebody over a long period of time in a way that is annoying or frightening  
st \_\_\_\_\_ k \_\_\_\_\_
- destroying or damaging something, especially public property, deliberately and for no good reason  
v \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_
- demanding money from a person by threatening to tell somebody else a secret about them  
bl \_\_\_\_\_ m \_\_\_\_\_
- using violence or threats to take control of a vehicle, often in order to demand something from a government  
h \_\_\_\_\_ j \_\_\_\_\_ ck \_\_\_\_\_
- selling illegal drugs  
dr \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_
- using violent action in order to achieve political aims or force a government to act  
t \_\_\_\_\_ rr \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_

- finding a way to look at or change information on somebody else's computer system without permission  
h \_\_\_\_\_ ck \_\_\_\_\_
- forcing somebody to have sex with you when they do not want to by threatening them or using violence  
r \_\_\_\_\_
- stealing something from a person or place  
th \_\_\_\_\_
- cheating somebody to get money or goods illegally  
fr \_\_\_\_\_
- stealing money from a bank, shop, person, etc., especially using violence or threats  
r \_\_\_\_\_ bb \_\_\_\_\_
- attacking somebody violently in order to steal their money, especially in a public place  
m \_\_\_\_\_ gg \_\_\_\_\_
- taking, sending, or bringing goods secretly or illegally into or out of a country  
sm \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_
- taking somebody away illegally and keeping them as a prisoner, especially in order to get money  
k \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_ pp \_\_\_\_\_

#### c Complete the chart.

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

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

- 1 Police are looking for a man who attacked and raped a woman yesterday afternoon as she was walking home.
- 2 Fortunately, the gang \_\_\_\_\_ the bank when there were no customers inside.
- 3 The woman \_\_\_\_\_ the actor for many years, following him wherever he went.
- 4 They \_\_\_\_\_ \$1 million worth of electronic goods into the country before they were caught at customs.
- 5 The construction company \_\_\_\_\_ the mayor with tens of thousands of pounds for permission to build houses on the land.
- 6 Two men \_\_\_\_\_ my friend at knifepoint yesterday. They took all her money.
- 7 The woman \_\_\_\_\_ fraud by pretending she was a psychic and charging people.
- 8 Some teenagers \_\_\_\_\_ my house while I was away and took all my music equipment.
- 9 Apparently, she \_\_\_\_\_ her husband by poisoning him because she was planning to claim the insurance money.
- 10 Someone \_\_\_\_\_ my car from outside my house last night.
- 11 They \_\_\_\_\_ the businessman by threatening to send the photographs to his wife if he didn't pay them the money.
- 12 Two armed men \_\_\_\_\_ the plane and forced the pilot to take them to the nearest airport.
- 13 The boy \_\_\_\_\_ drugs because he thought it was an easier way to get money than having a job.
- 14 The terrorists \_\_\_\_\_ a bomb inside a crowded shopping centre.
- 15 A couple \_\_\_\_\_ the politician as he left his house and later demanded £1 million for his safe return.
- 16 Youths \_\_\_\_\_ the park last night and damaged a lot of trees and flowers.
- 17 Someone \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>1</sup> investigate crimes and try to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal or criminals who <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the crime. When the police have a suspect, they can <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him or her and take them to the police station to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them. If the suspect is <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with the crime, they have to appear in front of a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and maybe a <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (of 12 people) in <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Here they are <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime and <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ may be called to give <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. If there is no <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that they were involved in the crime, they are <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. If not, they have to wait for the <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. If they are found guilty, they are given a <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. In some cases, they may be <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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

- 1 Be careful when buying something from an unfamiliar website, because someone might try to con you.
- 2 Fake gas inspectors \_\_\_\_\_ on elderly people living alone.
- 3 We were under the \_\_\_\_\_ that we had booked an apartment, but in fact it didn't exist.
- 4 The robbers ordered the bank staff to \_\_\_\_\_ the money if they didn't want to get hurt.
- 5 He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ he had made a mistake, but it was obvious he was lying.
- 6 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of giving someone my email address if I don't know them very well.
- 7 A common \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
- 8 The gang chose to \_\_\_\_\_ 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	<u>very</u>
2		up	community	drugs	judge	smuggle
3		tourist	during	future	jury	secure
4	/ju:/		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 <sup>1</sup> was taken (take) from outside my house. When I called the police, I <sup>2</sup> found out (find out) that over 20 motorbikes <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) in my area in the previous six months. The officer I spoke to promised me that the thief would <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) and punished as soon as possible.

First, the police <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (question) all the victims of the thefts and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (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 <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (just arrest), and at the moment he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hold) at the local police station. His case <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) in the magistrate's court next week and everyone <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) in my area in the future.

b Rewrite the sentences with *have something done*.

- Someone is going to change the lock on my front door.  
I'm going to have the lock on my front door changed.
- Someone tests our burglar alarm twice a year.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ twice a year.
- A mechanic has repaired my car.  
I \_\_\_\_\_.
- Someone broke our windows when we were on holiday.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ when we were on holiday.
- Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring.
- Someone has hacked my boyfriend's computer.  
My boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_.
- Someone cleans Oliver's flat once a week.  
Oliver \_\_\_\_\_ once a week.
- A company is redesigning our garden.  
We \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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