CRIME

Task 1. Look at this student's essay, and complete it with a word or expression from the box. In some cases, more than one answer may be possible.

attacked • protect • property • defend • locks • lights • self-defence • burgled • security • possessions • violence • problem • drugs • break in • be aware • police • prevent • victims • criminals

There is a lot of crime in our towns and cities. What do you think we could all do to reduce the risk to ourselves and our homes?

Crime is a big ***1.*** _____ in some cities. There is a lot of ***2.*** _____ on the streets at night, people buy and sell ***3.*** _____ illegally, and a lot of houses are ***4.*** _____ on a regular basis. The ***5.*** _____ do their best to ***6.*** _____ these things happening, but they are not always successful.

However, there are some things that people can do to make their lives safer, to ***7.*** _____ themselves and their ***8.*** _____ from crime. For example, they can improve ***9.*** _____ by fixing good, strong ***10.*** _____ so that thieves cannot ***11.*** _____ and steal their ***12.*** _____. When they go out at night, they should leave ***13.*** _____ on so that thieves think there are people at home. When they are on the streets, they should ***14.*** _____ of what is happening around them. They could even consider doing a ***15***_____ course such as judo or jujitsu so that they can ***16.*** _____ themselves if they are ***17.*** _____ by muggers.

There will always be **18.** _____ on our streets, but that doesn't mean we all need to be ***19.*** _____ of crime, especially if we take the right preventative measures.

Task 2. Complete the sentences below with a word or expression from the box.

guilty • falsified • smuggled • sentenced • tried • innocent • arrested mugged • break • vandalized • stole • robbed • trafficking • charged

Richard Mann has been committing crimes since he was a boy.

1. When he was only 15 he _____ telephone boxes and public toilets.
2. As he grew older, he _____old ladies in the street and stole their money.
3. He also _____ banks, post offices and jewellery shops.

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4. On one occasion, he _____ almost £20,000 from a post office.

5. In his late twenties, he _____ cigarettes and alcohol from one country to another.

6. During his only proper job in an office, he _____ the accounts and pocketed thousands of pounds.

7. He then started _____ drugs.

8. The police finally _____ him last year.

9. They _____ him with almost thirty crimes.

10. He was _____ at a Crown Court.

11. He said he was _____, but the jury decided he was _____

12. The judge _____ him to 15 years in prison.

13. He won't _____ the law again for a long time.

Task 3. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS.

Complete the following story using one of the idiomatic words or expression from the box.

behind bars • nick • boys in blue • doing time • got away with • nicking spill the beans • hardened • cops • as thick as thieves • leg it • red handed

Brian and Bert had always been *1.*_____, sharing each other's secrets and doing everything together. They turned to a life of crime in their teens, and by the time they were in their early twenties, they were already ***2.***_____ criminals. They burgled houses and stole cars and always ***3.***_____ it, discovering that they actually enjoyed the excitement of avoiding the ***4.***_____. However, their luck didn't last and one day the ***5.***_____ caught them ***6.***_____ while they were 7._____ a car. They tried to ***8.***_____, but didn't get too far. The police interviewed them and told them to ***9.***_____. I'm glad to say that Brian and Bert are now ***10.***_____ in Wandsworth ***11.***_____, and expect to be ***12.***_____ for at least two years.

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