8A 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 [1] *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 [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
b u r gl a r y

2 killing somebody deliberately
m __ d __

3 giving money or valuable items to a person to persuade them to help you
br __ b ___

4 following and watching somebody over a long period of time in a way that is annoying or frightening
st __ k ___

5 destroying or damaging something, especially public property, deliberately and for no good reason
v __ d __ l ___

6 demanding money from a person by threatening to tell somebody else a secret about them
bl ___ m ___

7 using violence or threats to take control of a vehicle, often in order to demand something from a government
h __ j __ ck ___

8 selling illegal drugs
dr __ d __ l ___

9 using violent action in order to achieve political aims or force a government to act
t __ rr __ r ___

10 finding a way to look at or change information on somebody else's computer system without permission
h __ ck ___

11 forcing somebody to have sex with you when they do not want to by threatening them or using violence
r ___

12 stealing something from a person or place
th ___

13 cheating somebody to get money or goods illegally
fr ___

14 stealing money from a bank, shop, person, etc., especially using violence or threats
r __ bb ___

15 attacking somebody violently in order to steal their money, especially in a public place
m __ gg ___

16 taking, sending, or bringing goods secretly or illegally into or out of a country
sm ___ l ___

17 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
[1] *burglar*	burgle
[2]	murder
✗	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

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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 [1] *investigate* crimes and try to [2] _____ the criminal or criminals who [3] _____ the crime. When the police have a suspect, they can [4] _____ him or her and take them to the police station to [5] _____ them. If the suspect is [6] _____ with the crime, they have to appear in front of a [7] _____ and maybe a [8] _____ (of 12 people) in [9] _____. Here they are [10] _____ of the crime and [11] _____ may be called to give [12] _____. If there is no [13] _____ that they were involved in the crime, they are [14] _____. If not, they have to wait for the [15] _____. If they are found guilty, they are given a [16] _____. In some cases, they may be [17] _____ 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.

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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	/juː/	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 [1] *was taken* (take) from outside my house. When I called the police, I [2] *found out* (find out) that over 20 motorbikes [3] _____ (steal) in my area in the previous six months. The officer I spoke to promised me that the thief would [4] _____ (catch) and punished as soon as possible.

First, the police [5] _____ (question) all the victims of the thefts and [6] _____ (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 [7] _____ (just arrest), and at the moment he [8] _____ (hold) at the local police station. His case [9] _____ (hear) in the magistrate's court next week and everyone [10] _____ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might [11] _____ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorbikes [12] _____ (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 _____ twice a year.
3 A mechanic has repaired my car.
I _____.
4 Someone broke our windows when we were on holiday.
We _____ when we were on holiday.
5 Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.
I _____ in the spring.
6 Someone has hacked my boyfriend's computer.
My boyfriend _____.
7 Someone cleans Oliver's flat once a week.
Oliver _____ once a week.
8 A company is redesigning our garden.
We _____.

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 _____.
4 It is reported that kidnappers have taken the president's wife.
Kidnappers _____.
5 The terrorists are thought to be in hiding somewhere in France.
It is _____.
6 The suspect is known to be dangerous.
It is _____.
7 The police are said to have arrested three men.
It is _____.
8 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*.

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