

1 Complete the reported speech. Use the correct form of the verb and add pronouns if necessary.

- 1 'A lot of people visit my home town to see the unusual buildings.'

He said that a lot of people _____ his home town to see the unusual buildings.

- 2 'We saw a strange woman near the school gate at 9:30.'

The children said that _____ a strange woman near the school gate at 9.30.

- 3 'We haven't caught the arsonist yet.'

The police told the reporters that _____ the arsonist yet.

- 4 'I can help you to find the stolen money.'

Matthew told the men that _____ to find the stolen money.

- 5 'The woman has green eyes and long, brown hair.'

Mark said that the woman _____ green eyes and long, brown hair.

- 6 'No one knows the secret code.'

The detective said that no one _____ the secret code.

- 7 'I will move to a new office in July.'

The detective said that _____ to a new office in July.

2 Rewrite the direct speech as reported speech.

- 1 **Eyewitness (he):** 'I haven't seen anything unusual this morning.'

- 2 **Police officer:** 'We arrested the suspect a week ago.'

- 3 **Reporter:** 'The police need more witnesses to contact them.'

- 4 **Robber (she):** 'I'm climbing in through the window because I've forgotten my key.'

- 5 **Detective:** 'The attack happened outside the restaurant, just after midnight.'

- 6 **Criminals:** 'The prison warden can't keep us in prison forever.'

- 7 **Victim (he):** 'I will wait here until the police arrive.'

3 Read the dialogue. Then complete the summary.

- Mary I heard about the robbery at the jewellery shop yesterday.
- Ruby So did I! I can't believe that they stole so many diamonds!
- Mary And no one saw anything.
- Ruby Because the CCTV cameras aren't working ...
- Mary Oh dear! The police are interviewing some of the staff tonight.
- Ruby Maybe one of them took the diamonds.
- Mary It's not impossible. The shop isn't doing very well and the manager was out of the country at the time.

Mary said that she had heard about the robbery at the jewellery shop the day ¹ _____. Ruby said that she ² _____ believe that the robbers had stolen so many diamonds. Mary told her that there were no witnesses. Ruby said that it was because the CCTV cameras ³ _____. Mary said that the police ⁴ _____ interviewing some of the staff ⁵ _____ night. She also said that the manager ⁶ _____ out of the country at the time.

4 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 1 When the police caught the s_____ at the airport, he was carrying a suitcase full of cigarettes.
- 2 The m_____ killed several people before he was caught.
- 3 After the earthquake, I_____ took things from shops without paying for them.
- 4 The robber was wearing a b_____ so that nobody knew his identity.
- 5 The shop manager caught the Hollywood actress s_____ in an expensive clothes shop.
- 6 The two v_____ caused damage to the building by throwing paint all over the walls.
- 7 I left my handbag on my desk at work yesterday and I think a t_____ has taken it.
- 8 The police believe that the fire at the school was a_____.
- 9 The mugger s_____ the woman's handbag from her when she was walking across the platform.
- 10 The drug d_____ was caught with 5 kg of drugs in his car.

5 Complete the texts with the correct form of the verbs and nouns below. There are two extra words.

Verbs break into patrol search study

Nouns arrest damage fingerprint fire gum investigation suspect witness

Murder

Police have launched an ¹ _____ after they found a body in the river last night. Police officers are currently ² _____ CCTV footage of the path next to the river, as well as ³ _____ a house for clues. They believe that this may be a murder. They have interviewed several ⁴ _____ who were with the victim that day, but haven't made any ⁵ _____ yet.

They are appealing for more ⁶ _____, so if you saw anything suspicious or have any information about the crime, contact them on 0808-1570980.

Burglary

Many people living in Bristol city centre phoned 999 to report burglaries last night. The police believe that a number of burglars are watching houses to see when people go out for the evening. They then ⁷ _____ the houses through an open window or door. These burglars are taking expensive items like televisions and computers and then trying to sell them on eBay. Police have taken ⁸ _____ at the properties and they are ⁹ _____ the area so that people living there feel safer at night. They also found some chewing ¹⁰ _____ which they believe belonged to one of the burglars. They have sent this to a laboratory. They would like anyone with information to contact them on 0808-1570994.

6 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap.

- Sam** Did you read about that woman who ended up in prison because she'd stolen toys to give her children at Christmas?
- Helen** I don't think ¹ _____ sounds fair. There are men who commit violent crimes who don't end up in prison.
- Sam** In ² _____ opinion, I don't think *anyone* should go to prison for shoplifting. It isn't that serious and it doesn't hurt anybody.
- Helen** I'm ³ _____ sure, really. If you steal from a small shop, then you are hurting those shop owners. Furthermore, prices ⁴ _____ have to go up too, so it affects everyone like that.
- Sam** I suppose it's true ⁵ _____ say that, but it's not like mugging someone. It's not a violent crime and it isn't frightening for the people in the shop.
- Helen** I agree, but to be ⁶ _____, you need to send people to prison to prevent other people from thinking it's ok.
- Sam** No, I ⁷ _____ believe that. Shoplifters are often the poorest people in society. What is ⁸ _____, they are often single mothers. They don't have a choice sometimes.
- Helen** As I ⁹ _____ it, people always have a choice between right and wrong.
- Sam** I agree to some ¹⁰ _____, but I still think the punishment is too strict.