Unit 12 Vocabulary

● *The law and crime*

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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proof / evidence	rule / law / justice / right	vandal / hooligan
suspect / arrest / charge	judge / jury	sentence / imprison
suspect / accused	prosecute / persecute	innocent / guilty
decision / verdict	capital punishment / corporal punishment	witness / bystander
commit / break	robber / burglar / thief	lawyer / solicitor

Phrasal verbs

back down stop demanding sth, stop saying that you will do sth	**hand in** give to a person in authority
break out escape (from prison)	**hold up** rob while threatening violence; delay
bring in introduce a new law or system	**let off** give little or no punishment; make a bomb, etc explode
chase after follow sb/sth quickly in order to catch them	**look into** investigate
come forward offer help or information	**make off** escape
get away with escape punishment for	**take down** write down what someone says
go off explode; be fired (for a gun, usually accidentally)	**take in** trick sb into believing sth that is not true

Phrases and collocations

account	on account of; take into account; account for sth
advantage	take advantage of sth/sb; have an advantage over sth/sb; at an advantage; an/one/etc advantage (of sth)
blame	be to blame (for sth/doing); get/take the blame (for sth/doing); put the blame on sth/sb; blame sth (on sb); blame sb for sth/doing
damage	do/cause damage (to sth)
fault	at fault; find fault with sth/sb
intention	have the/no intention of doing
mistake	make a mistake; a mistake (to do); mistake sb for sb; do sth by mistake
necessary	necessary (for sb) to do
order	in order; put sth in order; in order to do; give an order (to sb) (to do)
permission	give sb permission to do; ask (sb) for permission to do; have/ask for/get permission (from sb) to do
purpose	do sth on purpose; purpose of sth
reason	reason why; reason for sth; reason with sb
solution	have/find/think of/work out/come up with/figure out a solution (to sth)
wrong	do wrong; do the wrong thing; the wrong thing to do; go wrong; the wrong way up

Word patterns

accuse sb of sth/doing	**doubt** sth; doubt that; doubt if/whether	**make** sb do; be made to do
arrest sb for sth/doing	**forgive** sb for sth/doing	**refuse** to do sth; refuse sth
charge sb with sth	**glimpse** sth; catch a glimpse of sth	**respect** sth; respect sb for sth/doing; have respect for sth/sb
claim to be/do; claim that	**guilty** of sth/doing	**threaten** to do, threaten sb with sth
deny sth/doing	**legal** (for sb) to do	

Word formation

accuse accused, accusation	**honest** dishonest, (dis)honesty, (dis)honestly	**prison** prisoner, imprison(ed), imprisonment
addict addicted, addictive, addiction	**investigate** investigative, investigation, investigator	**prove** proof, (un)proven, disprove
convict convicted, conviction	**law** lawyer, (un)lawful	**rob** robbery, robber
crime criminal	**murder** murderer	**secure** insecure, (in)security
evident evidence, evidently	**offence** offensive, offend, offender	**theft** thief
forge forgery, forger		

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Topic vocabulary in contrast

A Each of the words in bold is in the wrong sentence. Write the correct word on the line.

1 All twelve members of the **witness** were convinced of Davidson's guilt. .....
2 I don't think I'd ever **break** a serious crime. .....
3 If the school **laws** aren't written down anywhere, how are we supposed to know what they are? .....
4 A psychiatrist was called as an expert **judge** during the trial. .....
5 If a parent smacks a child, that's an example of **commit** punishment. .....
6 Everyone should have the **jury** to a fair trial. .....
7 If you **sentenced** the law, you deserve to be punished! .....
8 Governments must be allowed to introduce, change and scrap **bystanders**. .....
9 Can you imagine what it's like being **justice** for years in a cell? .....
10 It's very important that **capital** is seen to be done. .....
11 Another phrase for '**right** punishment' is 'the death sentence'. .....
12 The spy was **imprisoned** to life imprisonment. .....
13 A number of **rules** watched the robbers speed off in a getaway car. .....
14 'Silence in court!' shouted the **corporal** angrily. .....

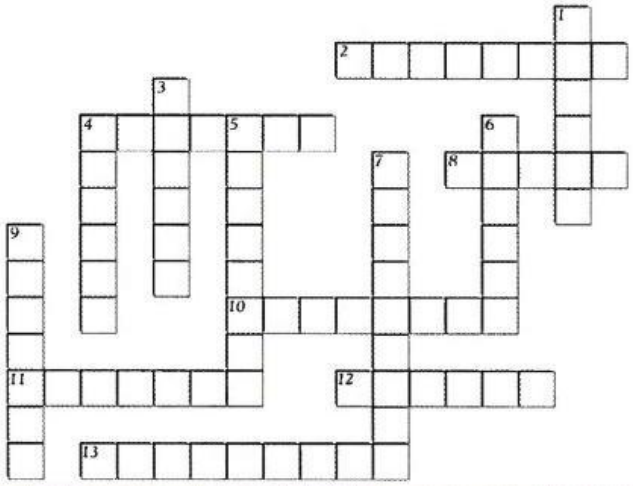
B Complete the crossword.

Across

2 A football … is someone who causes trouble at a football match. (8)
4 the decision of a judge or jury (7)
8 a burglar, robber or any other person who steals (5)
10 It might not be absolute proof of someone's guilt, but it is used to show that someone could be guilty. (8)
11 a person the police think might have committed a crime (7)
12 The jury found her not … of all charges. (6)
13 take someone to court (9)

Down

1 A solicitor is a specific type of … . (6)
3 put someone in handcuffs and take them to the police station, for example (6)
4 a person who puts graffiti on walls, smashes windows, etc (6)
5 not guilty (8)
6 If the police feel sure a person is guilty, they … that person with the crime. (6)
7 frequently attack or annoy; treat someone badly and deny them their rights (9)
9 the person in court who is on trial (also known as the defendant) (7)



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Phrasal verbs

C Complete using the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

break out • bring in • chase after • come forward • go off hold up • look into • make off

1 So many witnesses have ..... that it will take days to interview them all.
2 The two robbers ..... on a motorbike.
3 Police are ..... allegations of corruption in the mayor's office.
4 The government is thinking of ..... a law to allow on-the-spot fines for hooligans.
5 A robber has ..... three banks in town in the last week.
6 They spent two years planning their escape before they finally ..... of prison.
7 The policewoman ..... the pickpocket, brought him to the ground and finally arrested him.
8 Luckily, the bomb disposal squad defused the bomb before it ..... .

D Write one word in each gap.

You've been framed!

The most incredible thing happened to me yesterday. I was walking home from school when I saw a wallet on the ground full of money. I picked it up, and was just about to take it to the police station to (**1**) ..... it in, when a police officer jumped out and told me I was under arrest for stealing. I tried to explain the situation but he wouldn't (**2**) ..... down. 'I won't let you get (**3**) ..... with this,' he said. 'You're a thief, and thieves have to be punished.' He handcuffed me and drove me to the police station, where he took (**4**) ..... my name and address. I started crying, and begged him to (**5**) ..... me off, again trying to explain that I wasn't going to keep the money. Suddenly, my best friend Adrian and a TV presenter came in and the police officer started laughing. It was a practical joke for a TV show, and I'd been completely (**6**) ..... in!

Phrases and collocations

E Circle the correct word.

1 I don't know why you're **putting** / **taking** the blame on me.
2 Shelley has no **intention** / **purpose** of admitting she lied.
3 It **doesn't** / **isn't** necessary to set the burglar alarm.
4 The judge **made** / **gave** us permission to call a suprise witness.
5 We don't know who was at **fault** / **damage** yet, but we'll find out.
6 Sorry, I mistook you **for** / **with** someone else.
7 Should judges take children into **reason** / **account** when sentencing their parents?
8 The plan **went** / **had** wrong, didn't it?
9 We need prisons in **solution** / **order** to keep society safe from dangerous criminals.
10 Many people are **making** / **taking** advantage of the change in the tax law.

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Word patterns

F Match to make sentences.

1	They accused me	A	for shoplifting.
2	Our next-door neighbour was arrested	B	she's guilty.
3	Three people have been charged	C	someone to steal something from a shop.
4	She denied	D	of someone shoplifting.
5	I doubt whether	E	stealing the clothes.
6	I caught a glimpse	F	to steal something from the shop.
7	My friends made me	G	steal something from the shop.
8	She says she was made	H	with theft.
9	It is illegal for	I	of shoplifting.

G Write one word in each gap.

Newton Archer *The Voice of Sanity*

You've let us down, Owen!

Owen Davis used to be my hero. One of the greatest athletes of his generation, Owen made us think that everything was possible. I had so much respect (**1**) ..... him, particularly in terms of his 'no drugs in sport' campaign. And now there's no doubt that all the time Davis was claiming (**2**) ..... drugs were damaging sport, he himself was taking them. Last week, the International Athletics Association found Davis guilty (**3**) ..... taking banned body-enhancing substances. Davis has been banned from taking part in national and international events for the next five years, and the IAA are threatening (**4**) ..... ban future drug-takers for life. I hope they do. I refuse (**5**) ..... accept that we should show sympathy towards Davis at a time like this. We should never forgive people like Owen Davis (**6**) ..... bringing sport into disrepute.

Word formation

H Each of the words in bold is in the wrong form. Write the correct form on the line.

1 I'm not sure that sending young **offence** to prison is such a good idea. .....
2 There's absolutely no solid **prove** that he was anywhere near the scene of the crime. .....
3 I'm not saying another word until I've spoken to my **law**. .....
4 You shouldn't make **accuse** like that without evidence. .....
5 When she left the police force, she worked as a private **investigate** for a while. .....
6 'I hope that your **prison** has shown you the error of your ways,' said the prison governor. .....
7 He was initially sent to a maximum **secure** prison. .....
8 Lying and stealing are both forms of **honest**. .....
9 Police are looking carefully at the forensic **evident**. .....
10 There's no doubt this painting is a **forge**. .....
11 Drug **addict** is no excuse – no one should hold up a petrol station! .....
12 The **rob** took place at half past ten in the morning. .....
13 No one is born a **theft**, and no one has to remain one their whole life. .....
14 The **convict** of a number of senior executives has left the whole business community in shock. .....
15 The problem with prisons is that they're full of **crime** who can teach new inmates all their tricks and skills! .....
16 Should a **murder** be given the death penalty? .....

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