

VOCABULARY

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Vocabulary

Crime and law

1 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 A thief took a lot of expensive jewellery from my grandfather's shop.
- 2 There aren't many vallls in my city, but someone broke this window last night.
- 3 I saw a pokpogt on the bus. She tried to take a man's wallet.
- 4 What would you do if you saw a sholltr put something in their bag without paying?
- 5 I'd be scared if I found a brour in my house.
- 6 I like watching movies about bank rbours.

2 WORD FRIENDS Choose the correct option.

- 1 steal solve things from a shop
- 2 solve / break into homes
- 3 solve / steal crimes
- 4 commit / rob a crime
- 5 rob / steal a bank
- 6 commit / damage buildings
- 7 damage / break the law

3 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The ___ tried to take my wallet, but he fell over and dropped it.
a vandal b pickpocket c burglar
- 2 The film is about a woman who ___ a bank and never got caught!
a stole b broke c robbed
- 3 She's famous for ___ very difficult crimes.
a solving b damaging c stealing
- 4 He didn't know he was breaking the ___ when he crossed the road on a red light.
a thief b crime c law
- 5 Last night, some ___ destroyed the plants outside my house.
a pickpockets b vandals c thieves
- 6 A burglar broke ___ my grandfather's house and took his computer.
a to b into c up

4 Choose the correct option.

- 1 The police finally caught the burglars / burglaries.
- 2 We're lucky because there isn't much vandals / vandalism in this town.
- 3 The bank robbers / robberies got away with over £500,000.
- 4 Is it shoplifters / shoplifting if you try on a coat, but forget to pay when you leave the shop?
- 5 A pickpocket / pickpocketing stole my phone.
- 6 She is very upset by the thief / theft of her car.

5 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 d She had to pay a £300
- 2 a The bank has offered a
- 3 b My mother works
- 4 c They didn't send him to
- 5 d What would be a suitable
- 6 e You will need a good
- 7 f My uncle has to go to
- 8 g What is the typical sentence

- a reward of £10,000 for information about the crime.
- b punishment for this crime?
- c court tomorrow. He saw a burglary.
- d fine for shoplifting.
- e lawyer to help you.
- f prison because he was too young.
- g as a judge. It's a difficult job.
- h for shoplifting in your country?

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6 Order the letters and complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 The burglar left one *fingerprint* (reninfigprt) on the window.
- 2 There are _____ (resicuty) cameras all over the city.
- 3 They are going to interview the _____ (scesput) now.
- 4 It's a very difficult _____ (sace) to solve.
- 5 It takes a lot of training to become
a _____ (vitedtece).
- 6 How would you feel if you were a _____ (senwits) to a serious crime?

7 Complete the sentences with these words. There is one extra word.

court fine judge lawyer prison punishment reward

- 1 Matt spent fifteen years in *prison* for his crimes.
- 2 Everyone in _____ was shocked by the details of this terrible crime.
- 3 He will receive a harsh _____ for this crime.
- 4 The _____ decides how long someone should spend in prison.
- 5 You often pay a _____ for crimes like driving faster than the speed limit allows.
- 6 Jen got a £50 _____ for taking the missing bag to the police station.

8 Read the texts and choose the correct answer.

1 a robbing	b damaging	c stealing	d committing
2 a burglar	b burglary	c vandal	d vandalism
3 a prison	b fine	c reward	d judge
4 a punishment	b law	c court	d reward
5 a shoplifters	b vandals	c thieves	d pickpockets
6 a robbed	b broke	c stole	d committed
7 a lawyers	b robbers	c witnesses	d thieves
8 a clues	b cases	c fines	d fingerprints
9 a punishment	b fine	c reward	d sentence
10 a shoplifter	b vandal	c pickpocket	d burglar
11 a commit	b break	c solve	d damage
12 a judge	b law	c fine	d court



THEY NEED TO LEARN A LESSON!

Two teenagers were arrested for ¹ _____ their school building yesterday. The two boys broke windows in the building and sprayed paint on the walls. The police said ² _____ of this kind was very serious. The teenagers are too young to go to ³ _____, but the police hope the ⁴ _____ they receive will be strong enough to teach them a lesson.

INFORMATION NEEDED

The police are asking for help from the public after ⁵ _____ got away with two valuable paintings. The criminals ⁶ _____ into the town's art gallery last night. There were no ⁷ _____, but the police hope the gallery's security cameras will give them some ⁸ _____. The art gallery is offering a ⁹ _____ of £10,000 for the safe return of the two paintings.

BRAVE GRANDMOTHER CATCHES A CRIMINAL

Sixty-two-year-old grandmother Beryl Bridges was shocked when she saw a ¹⁰ _____ stealing someone's wallet near the station on Saturday. She chased after the man and caught him when he tripped and fell. 'It makes me really angry when people ¹¹ _____ crimes,' Beryl said. 'They shouldn't get away with it!' The man will appear in ¹² _____ tomorrow.