

1 Circle the correct particle.

- 1 The police searched the area *in* | *on* vain for the suspects.
- 2 Two young men are thought to be *at* | *on* the run after escaping from prison last night.
- 3 His life started to go wrong after he ran *away* | *off* from home at the age of 16.
- 4 The number of burglaries is *in* | *on* the rise in certain parts of the country.
- 5 The thief tricked the old couple *into* | *in* giving him their bank details.
- 6 I don't think that we will get *away* | *around* with telling lies for very long.
- 7 The poor man was beaten *out* | *up* outside the pub.
- 8 Police are *in* | *on* the lookout for two men in their twenties.

2 Write the last word in each sentence.

- 1 I know the thieves escaped, but are they still on the _____?
- 2 If they carry on behaving so anti-socially, they'll soon get into _____.
- 3 Sadly, our efforts to find the person who stole the jewellery were in _____.
- 4 Everyone at the bank was very shocked to hear about last night's break-_____.
- 5 What do you think she was running away _____?
- 6 The crime figures haven't fallen; on the contrary, they're on the _____.
- 7 It was a silly mistake and the police caught him red-_____.
- 8 The boys took his mobile phone, but at least they didn't beat him _____.

3 Rewrite the sentence using the word in capitals. The meaning must remain the same.

► They threatened violence and stole from the bank. HOLD *They held up the bank.*

- 1 Dan will be punished for this. TROUBLE _____
- 2 He committed the crime but wasn't punished. AWAY _____
- 3 The police are looking for two thieves. LOOKOUT _____
- 4 The escaped murderer is now back in prison. BARS _____
- 5 They caught the boy but did not punish him. LET _____
- 6 She left home to escape from her father. RUN _____
- 7 The barman was attacked by the gang. BEAT _____
- 8 We looked for the ring without any success. VAIN _____

4 One word is missing in each line. What is it, and where does it go?

Minor crime is certainly X the increase in some	on _____
villages; a few teenagers have been into trouble	1 _____
with the police. Residents have been the lookout	2 _____
for any bad behaviour. When one boy into the	3 _____
village shop at night, he was red-handed, but the	4 _____
police just let him with a severe warning. I don't	5 _____
think he should have been able to away with it.	6 _____
But last night two men tricked a resident letting	7 _____
them into his house; they then ran with some	8 _____
very valuable things, and they are still on run.	9 _____
I think that people like that should be bars.	10 _____