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Modern society

The greatest kindness will not bind the ungrateful.

Aesop

BBC



COFFEE STALLS

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VOCABULARY

8.1

Crime and criminals • people involved in a crime case • the justice system

I can talk about crime and punishment.

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Complete the UK TODAY fact file with the words in the box.

(capital crime elections population Minister
monarchy Head United)

UK TODAY

- The ¹United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- The ² _____: 65 million.
- The ³ _____ city: London.
- Political system: Constitutional ⁴ _____.
- ⁵ _____ of state: The Queen (of course!).
- Head of government: The Prime ⁶ _____.
- General ⁷ _____: Every five years.
- Interesting fact: Nobody is further than 120 km from the sea.
- Surprising fact: It rains more in Milan than in London.
- Young people's worries: youth unemployment, the environment, ⁸ _____.

2 Work together to prepare a similar 'fact file' for your own country.

3 Read the text and answer the questions.

- 1 Which crimes are growing, falling or staying the same in number?
- 2 Which crimes are a problem in your country?

4 3.25 Listen to six dialogues and name the crimes.

1 _____ 4 _____
 2 _____ 5 _____
 3 _____ 6 _____

5 Imagine you are reporting a crime. Choose the correct option.

Hello, Police? I'd like to report a crime.
 1 Somebody has robbed / stolen my phone.
 2 My apartment has been stolen / burgled.
 3 Some youths have set fire to / mugged a shop.
 4 My sister has been vandalised / mugged.
 5 There's a man in my store. I think he's shoplifting / burgling.
 6 This website is pirating / dealing films, TV programmes and music.

UK CRIME TRENDS

In the past, burglars used to break into houses to steal TVs and DVD players. But electronic goods are so cheap now that **burglary** has become less common.

5 Thieves are more interested in stealing small personal items like mobile phones that people carry with them. So there has been a long term fall in the number of house burglaries and **robberies** but the number of **muggings** and mobile phone **thefts** has grown. **Shoplifting** and **drug dealing** crimes have grown, just like Internet crimes such as hacking and online **piracy**.

Murder rates haven't changed much and although the number of car crimes fell, they are now rising again: one in seven reported crimes is a **car theft**. In the UK, a car is stolen every six minutes! Other crimes such as **vandalism** and **arson** have fallen.

POLICE LINE

WORD STORE 8A Crime and criminals

6 3.26 Complete WORD STORE 8A with the base form of the words in red in Exercise 3. Then listen, check and repeat.

7 **SPEAKING** Discuss which three crimes are the most serious and why.

*I think **murder**, **arson** and **drug dealing** are the most serious, because ...*

WORD STORE 8B People involved in a crime case

8 Read two crime stories. Why are the crimes described as crazy?

CRIMINALS COMMIT CRAZY CRIMES

A suspect was **arrested** for robbing a jewellery store on Saturday afternoon. He told police that he was **innocent**. He said that he couldn't be **guilty** of robbing the jewellery store because on Saturday afternoon he was breaking into a school and he had a **witness** to prove it. The police immediately **charged** him with robbing the school. The case goes to **court** next month.

An eighteen-year-old man was arrested for **vandalising** a campsite. During the trial, the **judge** heard how the police caught the **accused**. It was the easiest case we have ever solved, the **detective** said. There was no **victim**. We didn't have to interview any **witnesses** or **collect** any evidence. The **criminal** wrote his name on a wall! He was sentenced to three **months** in prison.

9 3.27 Complete WORD STORE 8B with the underlined words in Exercise 8. Then listen, check and repeat.

10 Test each other. Read the seven definitions from WORD STORE 8B to your partner in a different order. Your partner writes down the word. Check how many correct answers your partner has.

WORD STORE 8C The justice system

11 3.28 Complete WORD STORE 8C with the correct form of the highlighted words in Exercise 8. Then listen, check and repeat.

12 **SPEAKING** Imagine the sentences in Exercise 5 are the first lines in some crime stories. You are going to tell one of the stories.

- Choose an opening line 1–6.
- Imagine what happened during the case.
- Make notes based on your ideas.
- Include at least twelve words or phrases from the lesson.
- Tell your story to the class.

8.2

GRAMMAR

The Passive

I can use the Passive in a variety of tenses.

1 Read a text about Robben Island. How many different things has the island been used for?



Robben Island is situated nine kilometres from Cape Town. From the seventeenth to the twentieth century the island was used as a prison. During World War II prisoners were sent to Robben Island, but at that time **it was also being used** as a hospital. Later, Nelson Mandela was imprisoned there for eighteen years. After a total of twenty-seven years in prison, **Mandela was elected** as the first black president of South Africa.

Robben Island isn't used as a prison any more. **It has been made** into a museum and at the moment **is being promoted** as a popular tourist attraction. There is a large African penguin colony there now, but **Robben Island will always be remembered** as the place where Mandela was imprisoned.



Nelson Mandela

2 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS and complete the table with the passive forms in blue in the text in Exercise 1.

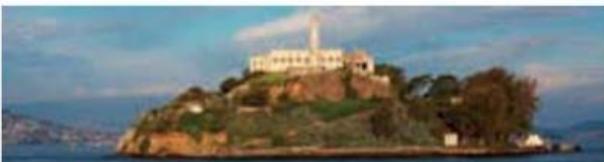
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The Passive

- You use Passive forms when it isn't important or you don't know who performed the action.
- You use **by + person** (or thing) if you want to mention who (or what) performed the action.

Tense	→ Example
Present Simple	→ Robben Island is situated
Present Continuous	→ 2
Past Simple	→ 3
Past Continuous	→ 4
Present Perfect	→ 5
future with will	→ 6

3 3.29 Read about another famous 'island prison'. Complete the text with passive forms of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.



Alcatraz **1** **is located** (locate – Present Simple) in San Francisco Bay. It was a prison from 1933 to 1963 and during that time there were just fourteen escape attempts. The attempted escape in 1962 **2** _____ (probably remember – **will**) as the most famous one. Frank Morris and the Anglin brothers dug a tunnel out of their cells and then disappeared. The three men may have drowned but their bodies **3** _____ (never discover – Present Perfect). Over the years, several postcards in the men's handwriting **4** _____ (send – Present Perfect) to their families. After the escape, a stolen car **5** _____ (find – Past Simple) and police believe it could have been used by the three men to escape. The case **6** _____ (keep – **will**) open until the 100th birthday of the three men. Today, Alcatraz island **7** _____ (use – Present Continuous) as a recreation park.

4 Complete the sentences with an appropriate passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- The prisoners **are locked** (lock) in their cells at 9 p.m. every night.
- John looked back. He thought he _____ (follow).
- Last time Tina went clubbing, her phone _____ (steal).
- Police are investigating the robbery but nobody _____ (arrest) yet.
- As I'm writing this, three suspects _____ (question).
- A press conference _____ (hold) tomorrow.

5 Read these facts about crime. Cross out **by + person** or **thing** if it is not necessary.

UK and USA CRIME FACTS

- 500,000 crimes in the UK are committed by ex-prisoners.
- Each year in the USA, around 100 prisoners are sentenced to death by judges.
- In the UK, the death penalty was abolished by the government in 1998.
- Around 10 percent of murders in the USA are committed by women.
- On average, murderers are released from UK prisons by the authorities after sixteen years.

6 Rewrite the sentences below in the passive. Start each sentence with **I** and use **by + agent** if necessary.

- The head teacher has never told me off.
I've never been told off by the head teacher.
- People often invite me to parties.
- An old childhood friend has contacted me on Facebook today.
- People gave me money for my last birthday.
- My father taught me how to ride a bicycle.
- My mother is picking me up from school today.

7 Which sentences in Exercise 6 are true for you? Compare with a partner.