

UNIT 4: CRIME VOCABULARY AND PAST CONTINUOUS

Reading: The Night of the Break-In

Last Friday evening, **Officer** Daniels was driving near the city center when he received a call. Someone was **reporting** a crime. A man **broke into** an office building and attacked a **security guard**.

When the police arrived at the crime scene, the guard was lying on the floor. He was the victim of the **attack**. He was holding his arm and was crying for help. There was a **gun** on the floor near him.

The **officers** quickly called an ambulance. While they were waiting, they looked for **clues**. One officer found **fingerprints** on the door. Another officer was checking the security cameras.

At the same time, the criminal was running down a nearby street. He escaped before the police arrived. However, a woman was watching from her window and she saw his face clearly.

Two days later, the police **captured** a **suspect**. He was hiding in a small hotel outside the city. When the police **arrested** him, he said he was **innocent**.

A month later, the man stood in **court**. The **judge** and the **jury** listened carefully to the **witnesses**. The **victim** was sitting at the front of the **courtroom**. After discussing the **case**, the jury decided the man was **guilty**. The judge **punished** him with five years in **prison**.

It was a difficult case, but the police finally **solved** it.

Comprehension Questions

A. True or False

1. Officer Daniels was walking when he received the call.
2. The victim was a security guard.
3. The criminal was hiding in a hotel when the police found him.
4. The jury decided the man was innocent.
5. The police solved the case.

B. Answer the Questions

1. What was the guard doing when the police arrived?
2. What were the officers doing while they were waiting for the ambulance?
3. How did the police find the suspect?
4. Who decided if the man was guilty or innocent?
5. What punishment did the judge give him?

C. Grammar Practice

1. Find four verbs in the past continuous.

(Example: was driving)

2. Find five verbs in the past simple.

(Example: broke)