

36/Crime

Words you need...

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- **to arrest someone** If the police arrest someone, they take them to ask them questions about a crime.
- **crime** 1 when people do things that are not allowed by the law
2 A crime is an act that is not allowed by the law.
- **a criminal** someone who commits a crime
- **to damage something** to break something
- **a fine** an amount of money that you have to pay if you have done something that is not allowed by the law
- **guilty** Someone who is guilty has committed a crime.
- **a gun** a weapon that uses bullets
- **honest** An honest person does not lie or commit crimes.
- **to hurt someone** to cause pain to someone
- **murder** the crime of killing someone
- **to murder someone** to kill someone
- **the police** the people whose job is to catch criminals and keep people safe
- **a prison** a building where criminals are kept
- **to punish someone** to make someone suffer because they have done something bad or something that is not allowed by the law
- **to steal something** to take something that is not yours without permission

Exercise 1

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences. Make sure you use the correct form of the words.

hurt crime honest arrest
damage guilty punish steal

- 1 There's been an increase in crime this year.
- 2 The police have arrested my husband, but I know that he's not _____.
- 3 A gang of young men ran through the city centre, and _____ several shops.
- 4 What is the best way to _____ people who carry guns?
- 5 If you don't lock your bike, someone might _____ it.
- 6 My sister would never steal anything – she's a very _____ woman.
- 7 The criminals tied her to a chair, but they did not _____ her.
- 8 The police _____ three people after a fight at a football match.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 His brother [entered into/went to/started] prison for murder.
- 2 The job of the police is to [catch/hold/take] criminals.
- 3 He said that he was not guilty [from/for/of] the crime.
- 4 If you drive too fast, you may have to [give/pay/spend] a fine.
- 5 The police arrested her [from/because/for] stealing a pair of shoes.
- 6 He was arrested because he was [taking/carrying/owning] a gun.

Pronunciation

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Exercise 3

Which of these words contain the sound /ə/?
Which one has a silent letter at the beginning?
Listen and check.

criminal police guilty crime honest prison

/ə/: criminal

Silent letter: _____