

Check the words2know. Find out their meaning.

to threaten, to commit a crime, to blame, victim, violence, to protect, to get hurt, fear, valuable possessions

Read the newspaper article below. Tick (/) true and cross (X) false.

- 1 Teenagers are more often the victims of crime than adults. **True/ False**
- 2 Teenagers nowadays have more expensive possessions than before. **True/ False**
- 3 More young women are victims of crime than young men. **True/ False**
- 4 Half the teenagers in Central London have committed a crime recently. **True/ False**
- 5 Most London teenagers aren't worried about crime. **True/ False**

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Teenage victims of crime

Statistics show that there has been a rise in crime against teenagers in the last few years. But why is this? A new report suggests one reason: teenagers nowadays have more to steal.

According to the report, the average UK teenager now walks around in clothes and equipment worth \$700. As well as clothes, trainers and jewellery, this includes valuable equipment such as MP3 players, mobile phones and watches. The authors of the report believe that this is the main

reason why crime against teenagers is increasing. They say that teenagers should leave their phones and iPods at home if they want to be safe on the streets.

Teenagers – particularly young men – are more likely to be the victims of crime than adults: about half of all fifteen–sixteen–year-olds in Central London have been victims in the last eighteen months. It's not surprising that 51 percent of London teenagers say that crime is their biggest worry.

Listen to Part 1 of a radio phone-in about teenagers and crime. For each caller, choose two correct answers.

1 Josh:

- a** had to give his money to a group of boys.
- b** had to give them his mobile phone.
- c** was robbed but not attacked physically.

2 Judy:

- a** doesn't understand why teenagers carry so many valuable things.
- b** is the parent of teenagers herself.
- c** blames teenagers' parents for the problem.

3 Becky:

- a** feels safer with a mobile phone.
- b** has stopped listening to music on her iPod.
- c** thinks teenagers should have the same rights as everyone else.