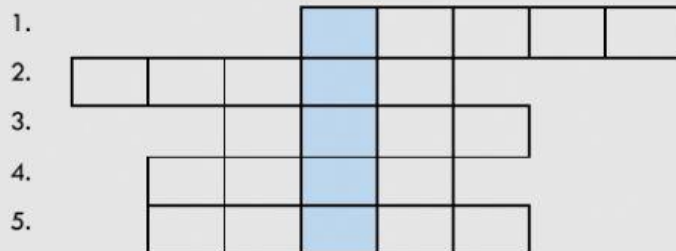


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Before you read...

1. Guess the words by their definition and use them to discover another word.



1. Circle metals forming a line used to secure objects.
2. Place where we buy different things.
3. Vehicle with two wheels.
4. "It is too high for me, I need to _____".
5. Take someone's property without permission and never return it.

2. Vocabulary: Match the words in the box with the pictures.

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While you read...

1. Go to your *Student Book*. Open it on page 124. Read the article and answer the question.

What is the main idea of the text?

- a. Explain how teenagers go through the MST process and end up helping the community.
- b. Explain what the MST is, how it works and give examples of its function.
- c. Compare different programs that help young criminals changing their lives.

2. Read the article again. Read the following statements and answer, which ones are true?

- a. The U.S. has one of the world's highest rates of people incarceration.
- b. The MST helps troubled kids get back in track without leaving their homes.
- c. The MST program helps not only the trouble kids but also their whole families.
- d. This new approach for young criminals is totally free for everyone.
- e. The change in Katie's life was reflected right after she finished the program.

3. Read the article one more time. Choose the correct answers.

a. In the US, ...

- incarcerating young people always prevents them from reoffending.
- 65,000 young people are incarcerated each year.
- it isn't surprising that young people break the law.
- there are more young people in prison than in most other countries.
- \$65,000 is spent a year on juvenile prisons.

b. Multisystemic Therapy...

- treats youth offenders in prison.
- doesn't take youth offenders from their homes.
- helps children whose parents are criminals.
- can't help youth offenders who have committed serious crimes.
- helps kids who are scared of being in crowds.

c. MST therapists...

- find it difficult to avoid arguments with participants.
- don't visit participants very often.
- visit participants in different places.
- earn \$4,700 per participant.

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- Are paid \$132,000 by society as a whole.



d. Katie Smith...

- feels she has benefited.
- was assaulted last year.
- should have spent longer in prison.
- assaulted another teenager in prison.
- was lucky not to go to prison.

e. Katie...

- and her mother still argue constantly.
- has decided to leave school.
- thinks her mother shouldn't cause problems.
- plays sports with other members of her gang.
- doesn't want to be in a gang anymore.