

It's a Crime

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

6 Using the words from the list, label the picture. Then, match each word with the definitions.

the accused, court reporter, witness, policeman, jury, judge, defence lawyer, prosecutor, junior defence lawyer

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a sb who has been charged with committing a crime
 b a professional who decides how a criminal should be punished
 c a professional who speaks for the accused and advises him/her in court
 d sb who has seen a crime happen
 e a professional who assists the lawyer of the accused
 f a group of people in court who decide whether sb is innocent or guilty
 g sb whose job is to deter people from committing crimes and to arrest those who break the law.
 h a professional who represents the state in court
 i sb who notes down what is said in court

2. Fill in the correct idioms from the list below.

**caught red-handed, in cold blood, at large,
doing time, on the alert**



1. To avoid being mugged in large cities, one should beat all times.
2. The burglar was..... to break the window of the house.
3. He killed his enemy.....and claimed that he felt no regret afterwards.

4. The police announced that a dangerous criminal was
and advised people to remain inside with their doors and windows locked.
5. After..... for robbery, he swore he would never commit another crime.

3. Fill in: accused, evidence, convicted, sentenced, tried, arrested, guilty, put, suspected

The police had 1).....Paul Williams for months and, when they finally gathered some real 2).....against him, he was 3).....by the police and 4).....of trafficking drugs. A few weeks later, he was 5).....for the crime. The jury were quickly convinced that he was 6).....of drug-trafficking, so he was 7).....of the crime and 8).....to ten years in prison. The police were satisfied they had managed to 9).....such a dangerous criminal behind bars.



4. Match the criminals with the descriptions.

Write the number next to the definition

1 thief	a. someone who kills somebody else on purpose
2 robber	b. someone who steals things from shops
3 burglar	c. someone who takes a person by force and demands ransom in order to set them free
4 mugger	d. someone who steals something from a bank, post office, shop, etc, often using threats or force
5 murderer	e. someone who uses force to take control of an aeroplane, train, etc
6	f. someone who takes things which do not belong to them
kidnapper	g. someone who damages other people's property on purpose
7 arsonist	
8 shoplifter	
9 vandal	
10 hijacker	

- h. someone who attacks people in the street in order to steal something
- i. something someone who sets fire to property on purpose
- j. someone who breaks into people's houses to steal things

5. Rewrite the correct items next to each sentence.

1. If you don't want someone to **burgle/steal** your house, you should keep the doors and windows locked.
2. He keeps his bicycle securely chained so that no one will **steal/rob** it.
3. Two men attempted to **burgle/rob** the local bank, but the police arrived before they got away.
4. Instead of fining the man, the judge sent him to prison because he was a repeat **offender/convict**.
5. That terrorist is one of the world's most wanted **criminals/suspects**.
6. The **offender/suspect** was set free because there was no evidence to prove that he was guilty.
7. The **suspect/convict** had been in prison for twenty years when he died.



6. Fill in the missing verbs in the correct form

1. The arsonist had set fire to six homes before he was finally caught andto fifteen years in prison.
2. "If you want me to keep my mouth shut, it'll cost you \$5,000," he whispered. "Don't try tome! she said.
3. Secret service agents quickly disarmed the men who had tried tothe country's leader.

4. With dynamite strapped to his chest, hethe plane and ordered that it fly to his country.
5. The young boy tried to.....the old man's, but the security guard saw what he was doing.
6. The shop detective caught himand held him until the police arrived.
7. The museum was.....by a gang of young boys who covered the walls with graffiti.

7. Fill in the gaps with the words in the box

jury - prosecutor - arrested - prison - convicted - evidence - trial
sentenced - gang - bars - charged with

When Tina Bowles was 1)by the police and 2)..... burglary it came as a shock to the entire neighbourhood. Tina Bowles was a well-respected woman in her early forties. At the 3).....the 4).....presented an amazing amount of 5).....which convinced everyone of her guilt. It was proved that she was a member of a 6).....which had broken into the homes of many wealthy people and stolen their valuables. It did not take long for the 7).....to come to a decision and Tina was 8).....and 9)..... to ten years in 10).....

Tina Bowles is now behind 11)..... along with the other members of the gang. She hopes to be released soon, as this was her first offence.



8. Fill in the gaps with the correct prepositions. Some may be used more than once.

under - before - of- in- with- to

1. The accused is being kept.....custody until the trial begins.
2. He was sentenced.....ten years in prison for committing armed robbery.
3. The police have placed two men suspected of the kidnappingarrest.
4. I was shocked to hear that Mark was accused..... fraud.
5. He's been charged.....a crime he did not commit.
6. The witness appearedcourt and gave his. testimony.
7. The accused was kept.....handcuffs throughout the trial.
8. The case was broughtthe court.
9. When the jury reached a verdictnot guilty, the accused breathed a sigh of relief.





**9. Respecting the law; understanding that punishment will follow crime:
Match the punishments 1-6 with a-f.**

1. He got **a fine**.
2. He got **community service**.
3. He got a **life sentence**.
4. He got **a caution**.
5. He got **the death penalty**.
6. He got **a prison sentence**.

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- a. He has to spend 80 hours cleaning the streets.
- b. But he'll be in serious trouble if he does it again.
- c. It means at least 20 years in prison.
- d. But it will be years before they carry it out.
- e. He had to pay £100.
- f. He'll be inside for two years.

10. Match the words with the definitions.

**to murder to break in to arrest to commit a crime to go to prison
a fine a murderer to get into trouble to get caught a prisoner**

- 1 to do something illegal
- 2 to be made to live in a special building for criminals
- 3 to take (a suspected criminal) to the police station
- 4 to kill (a person) intentionally
- 5 money that you have to pay if you break a law
- 6 to enter by force (usually to steal something)
- 7 someone who intentionally kills another person
- 8 to be found while committing a crime
- 9 to have a problem because of something that you did wrong
- 10 a person who is in prison

