

8.3 Listening

Crimes

1. Read about English prisons and write down the words

UK TODAY • A 'young offender' can be anybody aged 10–17 (12–17 in Scotland) who commits a crime. • Each year, over 3,000 young offenders are sent to young offenders' prisons. • The most common crimes are theft, violence and criminal damage. • The average sentence is three months. • It costs over £100,000 a year to keep a young offender in prison. • Fifty percent of young offenders are aged seventeen. • Ninety-four percent of young offenders are boys. • Eighty-eight percent of young offenders have been excluded from school. • Nearly seventy-five percent of young offenders commit another crime within twelve months of leaving prison.	Young offender – малолетен пристъпник Commit a crime- извършвам престъпление Theft- кражба Violence- насилие Sentence- присъда To be excluded from school- да ме изключат от училище Break the law- нарушавам закона To be released from prison- да ме освободят от затвора
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Listen to an interview with a young offender and circle the right option

2 Guess the correct options.

- 1 The government want *more / less* education in young offender prisons.
- 2 Young offenders are locked up in their cells during the *day / night*
- 3 Young offenders *are / aren't* paid if they attend lessons in prison.
- 4 *Not every / Every* young offender wants to be released from prison.
- 5 *Some people / The government* think young offenders should be punished more.

3 Listen again and circle the correct answer

- 1 The government are planning to
 - A write a special report about prisons for young offenders.
 - B educate young offenders more effectively.
 - C make young offenders' prisons harder.
 - 2 In prison, young offenders
 - A can watch tv in a room with others.
 - B are allowed a few luxuries.
 - C receive money for studying.
 - 3 When they behave badly, young offenders
 - A are not allowed to watch television.
 - B are locked in their cells all evening.
 - C have to attend lessons.
 - 4 One of Daniel's friends damaged a few cars
 - A because he wanted to steal them.
 - B in a supermarket car park.
 - C in order to go back to prison.
 - 5 Daniel believes that the best way to make young offenders into better citizens is to
 - A lock them in cells and punish them.
 - B give them hope for the future.
 - C show them that life is simple.
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4. Complete the sentences with the words

[break commit locked released sentenced]

Should young offenders:

- 1 be sentenced to a longer time in prison?
- 2 be _____ in their cell at night?
- 3 be returned to prison if they _____ another crime?
- 4 always go to prison if they _____ the law?
- 5 be _____ if they don't have a home or family to go back to?