

VOCABULARY SET 6: PRISONERS GIVING TALKS

Vocabulary:

Useful words and phrases:

1. **associate with** (collocation): liên quan tới
2. **criminology** (n): môn tội phạm học
3. **commit a crime** = **carry out a crime** (collocation): phạm tội
4. **criminals - offenders - delinquents - law-breakers** (n): tội phạm
5. **gather knowledge** (collocation): thu thập kiến thức
6. **holistic view** (np): góc nhìn hoàn chỉnh/hoàn thiện
7. **imprisonment** (n): việc bỏ tù
8. **incarceration** (n): ngục tù, giam hãm
9. **rehabilitation** (n): việc cải tạo
10. **remorseful**: hối hận
11. **to deprive somebody of something**: tước đoạt của ai cái gì
12. **to inform somebody of something** = **to keep somebody informed of something**: cho ai biết về việc gì đó
13. **the lens of science** (noun phrase): góc nhìn khoa học
14. **undergo** (v): trải qua

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. rehabilitation / offender / need / care / empathy / both / their family / community.

2. field / criminology / provide / opportunity / stimulate work / mostly / law enforcement / psychology.

3. cancer / risk / associate with / smoking / be / well documented.

4. athlete / undergo / mandatory / drug test / before / compete / the championship.

5. she / sentence / five years / imprisonment.

6. criminals / affect / society / the way / billions / dollars / be / spend / each year / incarceration.

7. ecology / problem / usually / require / holistic / view / find / solution.

8. defendant / remorseful / what / he / do / but / it / too late.

9. If / we / notice / there / always / chances / gather knowledge / daily conversations.

10. some / parent / deprive / themselves / many pleasure / so that / their children / have / best / everything.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

associate with (collocation)	incarceration (n)
criminology (n)	rehabilitation (n)
commit a crime = carry out a crime (collocation)	remorseful
criminals - offenders - delinquents - law-breakers (n)	to deprive somebody of something
gather knowledge (collocation)	to inform somebody of something = to keep somebody informed of something
holistic view (np)	the lens of science (np)
imprisonment (n)	undergo (v)

Some people who have been in prison become good citizens later. Some people think that having these people to give a talk to school students is the best way to tell them about the dangers of committing a crime. Do you agree or disagree?

Educating school students on the consequences of carrying out a crime has long been a contentious issue. There is a common belief that talks by ex-prisoners should be held at school to inform students of the threat to society when a crime is committed. While I accept that this practice is beneficial in a few ways, I believe there are many better methods to educate students about the dangers of crimes.

There are certain benefits of having reformed criminals talking to students about the hazards that are 1 _____ crime. The most obvious benefit is that students may learn from those who truly understand about crime. Those who 2 _____ have likely 3 _____ about the dangers of crime for the victims, not only from their own offenses but also from communication with other criminals. In addition, this method may also educate students about the threat to the offenders themselves when they commit a crime. To explain, ex-prisoners are those who have 4 _____ a long process of 5 _____ and 6 _____, so their life-stories are often a great source of real-life experience of not only what prisoners are deprived of but also how 7 _____ they feel.

However, I am convinced that there are better solutions to teach students about the negative effects of partaking in criminal activity. The most viable measure may be to introduce 8 _____ as a subject at school. While the life-stories of ex-prisoners are often biased, criminology knowledge is based on empirical data and research and as such, tends to be more reliable than anecdotal evidence. With this method, students can learn all the necessary knowledge about crime, including the dangers of it, through 9 _____ and therefore have a 10 _____ on crime and the associated dangers. Another useful

measure could be to film the harsh daily lives of prisoners and show it to school students. Notwithstanding the benefits of giving talks, films with vivid imagery can be much more visually attractive and thus more effective in informing students of the harsh reality of life in 11 _____.

To conclude, I am of the opinion that although talks by ex-prisoners may keep students informed of the dangers of carrying out a crime, there are stronger measures such as the introduction of criminology as a school subject.

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