

Punish or Cure?

Many people serve time in prison as a 1 ____ of crimes they have committed. The prison walls keep them separated from society, but life inside can be a(n) 2 ____ experience with unpleasant living conditions, threatening companions and often physical 3 ____.

Do these prisons really 4 ____ the problem successfully, though? Some specialists worry that many criminals serve their time only to 5 ____ again commit crimes when they are released. They argue that we shouldn't simply lock up people who never received the education or help they needed in order to make better choices and live a better life.

These specialists recommend open prisons, where prisoners are not locked behind bars. They are treated in a compassionate 6 ____, and have access to telephones and the Internet. They are allowed to get college degrees and train in different skills. They are even helped to find a job when they are released. The purpose of these prisons is not simply to punish, but to release educated people with the skills to survive without turning 7 ____ crime.

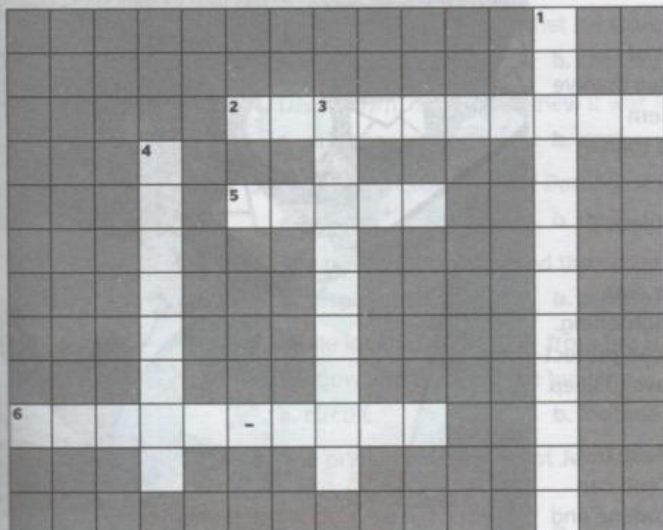
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| 1. a. retirement | c. target |
| b. consequence | d. decision |
| 2. a. widespread | c. offensive |
| b. insulting | d. painful |
| 3. a. gossip | c. force |
| b. abuse | d. treatment |
| 4. a. address | c. sympathize |
| b. resort | d. worsen |
| 5. a. more | c. once |
| b. after | d. now |
| 6. a. manner | c. term |
| b. action | d. behavior |
| 7. a. for | c. with |
| b. in | d. to |

B. Complete with the words in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

self-esteem stand up push around anonymity leniency gang up
humiliates verbal cyberspace place

- Mark's behavior is really inappropriate. Somebody should put him in his ____.
- They ____ on him all the time. What can he do when it's five against one?
- Lisa has low _____. She really should have more confidence in herself.
- I don't believe that we should show _____ to people who break the law.
- Jack needs to learn to _____ for himself and what he believes in.
- Sometimes _____ bullying can hurt someone more than physical pain.
- My brother always _____ me by telling that story to all my friends.
- You should be careful on the Internet. In _____, people aren't always who they say they are.

C. Do the crossword.



ACROSS

- someone who bullies others on the Internet
- to make someone feel worried or unhappy
- not lasting for very long

DOWN

- done in an intended way / on purpose
- someone who watches something happen but does not take part
- having little or no confidence in yourself and your abilities

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A. Circle the correct words.

My Last Read

I just finished reading a strange book the other day. It describes a future world where the government **1 intimidates / invades** its citizens' privacy and has strict control over people's actions. There are police who **2 patrol / promote** the city and arrest people for committing "crimes", and citizens are under **3 footage / surveillance** at all times. The leader in control of the country is called *The Overseer*, but it is unclear whether he exists or not. People are expected to follow the rules and live their lives under such conditions for the greater good. The book is **4 regarded / shown** as a real page-turner and, in fact, many of the writer's predictions seem to have already come true. Today CCTV cameras are **5 widely / usually** used all over the world. They are **6 considered / present** in most public places, and they make people feel that they are constantly being watched. Many people dislike this and they have commented that the book was meant to be a warning, not an instruction manual.



B. Complete with the words in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

police objections spirit guarantee necessity outweigh circuit livable

- Mayor Brown emphasized the _____ of installing CCTV cameras in the downtown area.
- Fortunately, the advantages _____ the disadvantages.
- Do you think we need more officers to _____ the area?
- I feel much safer now that they've installed closed _____ television cameras.
- We live in a small village in the country, so there's a strong sense of community _____.
- If anyone has any _____, please let me know as soon as possible.

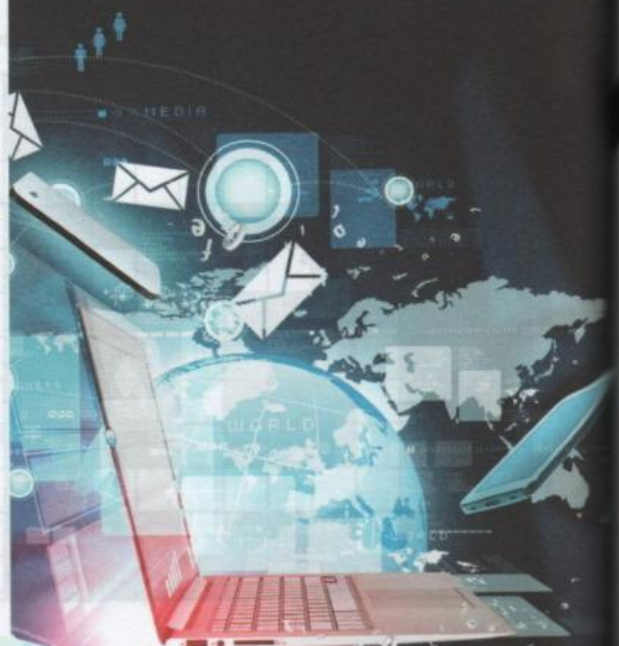
C. Read the topic sentences below taken from different essays. Which paragraph best supports each topic sentence? Choose a or b.

1. Playing video games may seem to be a passive activity; however, this is not necessarily true.

- My favorite games are sports games, and I like them only because I play a lot of sports, too. So, you could say that some video games make people much more active.
- It is a fact that when playing them, people spend a lot of time sitting down. On the other hand, these games also involve interaction with other players and complicated problem solving. This means that players are interacting more than if they were watching TV, for example.

2. There is no doubt that the Internet can be a dangerous place if you are not aware of the threats that exist.

- There are so many examples of people losing all their files, or falling victim to identity theft that it can be very frightening. However, the more informed you are, the better you can protect yourself. In fact, there are many cheap and simple ways to keep safe.
- On the one hand, you could download a virus by mistake but, on the other hand, there are so many positive things you can get from the Internet. So, do not be afraid to explore online and discover a world of opportunities.



3. Social media websites can be entertaining as well as useful.

- a. There are hundreds of games that you can play with people online, or you can just enjoy sharing your photos or videos with friends. At the same time, you could arrange meetings, organize reunions, or discover a new charity that you would like to help out.
- b. Everyone I know is on at least one social media site. That means that I have lots of opportunities to interact with friends and even play games with them. It is always a fun experience.

4. There is no place for CDs and DVDs in the future of entertainment.

- a. There are plenty of stores that still sell CDs and DVDs, which proves that they are really popular. Many people choose to download music and movies but I don't think this trend will continue.
- b. It is happening already, because it is so much easier for people to download their music and movies. There will always be people who enjoy owning a hard copy of the latest album or movie but, for most people, in the future it will be all online.



II. Read the topic sentences below taken from different essays. Expand on the ideas by supporting them with reasons and/or examples.

1. There is little doubt that prison sentences are the best way to deal with criminals.

2. Smartphones are useful gadgets that have made our lives much easier.

III. Choose a, b, c or d.

1. About 3,000 people fall ____ to the disease every year.
a. prisoner b. witness c. victim d. target
2. Police are investigating a(n) ____ that happened at the post office on Compton Road.
a. incident b. shoplifting c. system d. consequence
3. Mr. Roberts discovered that his store had been ____ during the night.
a. kidnapped b. cheated c. burglarized d. stolen
4. Deep down, the robber knew it was just a ____ of time before he got caught.
a. scheme b. deal c. matter d. topic
5. Three men broke ____ of Darlington Prison at about 4 a.m. this morning.
a. off b. up c. in d. out
6. The police officer stopped the driver of the car because he looked ____.
a. suspicious b. private c. painful d. remote
7. While looking at the ____ from the surveillance camera, Rosie noticed someone breaking a window and entering the building.
a. circuit b. footage c. intercom d. motion
8. The principal realized that Jenny had been stealing from the science lab only when he caught her in the ____.
a. point b. act c. blame d. charge

**B
REVIEW**

E. Read the text about an art theft. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences a-g the one which fits each blank (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

\$500 MILLION IN 81 MINUTES

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston has one of the most important art collections in the world. **1** However, if you visit the museum today, you might be surprised to discover that some of the frames on the walls are empty. This is because in 1990, a number of paintings were stolen and the empty frames are there in the hope that one day they will be returned.

In the early hours of March 18th 1990, the people of Boston were still enjoying the St. Patrick's Day celebrations from the previous day. **2** They told the security guard that they had received reports of a disturbance in the museum's courtyard, and they were let in. The men quickly handcuffed the guard, who asked why he was being arrested. They revealed that he wasn't being arrested but they were carrying out a robbery. A second security guard arrived soon after and he was handcuffed, too. They were tied up and taken down to the basement, while the thieves got to work.

The thieves went straight to the Dutch Room where some of the most valuable paintings were hanging. When they approached a Rembrandt painting an alarm went off, which they immediately smashed. They pulled another Rembrandt self-portrait off the wall, but it had heavy wood on the back of the frame, so they left it on the floor. **3** The theft took 81 minutes, and the thieves made two trips to their car with the artwork. Before leaving, they took the video tape which had recorded them entering the building from the office of the Head of Security. **4** The security guards were found by police at 8:15 later that morning.

All together, the paintings are estimated to be worth \$500 million. This includes Vermeer's *The Concert*, which is valued at \$200 million and is thought to be the most valuable painting that has yet to be recovered. **5** However, the selection of stolen works puzzles experts. There were much more valuable paintings that the thieves overlooked. They walked past two exceptional Raphael paintings and a Botticelli piece to get to other relatively unknown works that they stole.

The museum offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to the recovery of the works of art. **6** Over two decades later, in March 2013 the FBI revealed that it had uncovered the identities of the thieves involved. They were working for a criminal organization based in the mid-Atlantic States and New England. They believe the paintings were moved around after the theft and were eventually sold in Philadelphia between 2000-2004. Unfortunately, they are no closer to discovering the whereabouts of the paintings, so the case remains very much open.

- a. They even left an empty frame on his chair, just to make fun of him.
- b. They found it extremely difficult to get the paintings out of the building.
- c. It has significant examples of European, Asian and American art, including paintings, sculptures and decorative arts.
- d. They went through the museum and continued to take other paintings either by removing the frame, or cutting the painting out of it.
- e. Various investigations were held but the crime remained unsolved.
- f. Two men wearing police uniforms walked up to the side entrance to the museum.
- g. It is considered to be the largest private property theft ever.