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Vocabulary

Crime and law

1 ● Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 A thief took a lot of expensive jewellery from my grandfather's shop.
- 2 There aren't many vandals in my city, but someone broke this window last night.
- 3 I saw a pickpocket on the bus. She tried to take a man's wallet.
- 4 What would you do if you saw a shoplifter put something in their bag without paying?
- 5 I'd be scared if I found a burglar in my house.
- 6 I like watching movies about bank robbers.

2 ● WORD FRIENDS Choose the correct option.

- 1 steal / solve things from a shop
- 2 solve / break into homes
- 3 solve / steal crimes
- 4 commit / rob a crime
- 5 rob / steal a bank
- 6 commit / damage buildings
- 7 damage / break the law

3 ● Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The thief tried to take my wallet, but he fell over and dropped it.
a vandal b pickpocket c burglar
- 2 The film is about a woman who robbed a bank and never got caught!
a stole b broke c robbed
- 3 She's famous for solving very difficult crimes.
a solving b damaging c stealing
- 4 He didn't know he was breaking the law when he crossed the road on a red light.
a thief b crime c law
- 5 Last night, some vandals destroyed the plants outside my house.
a pickpockets b vandals c thieves
- 6 A burglar broke into my grandfather's house and took his computer.
a to b into c up

4 ● Choose the correct option.

- 1 The police finally caught the burglars / burglaries.
- 2 We're lucky because there isn't much vandalism / vandals in this town.
- 3 The bank robbers / robberies got away with over £500,000.
- 4 Is it shoplifting / shoplifters if you try on a coat, but forget to pay when you leave the shop?
- 5 A pickpocket / pickpocketing stole my phone.
- 6 She is very upset by the theft / thief of her car.

5 ● Match the sentence halves.

- 1 d She had to pay a £300
 - 2 ☐ The bank has offered a
 - 3 ☐ My mother works
 - 4 ☐ They didn't send him to
 - 5 ☐ What would be a suitable
 - 6 ☐ You will need a good
 - 7 ☐ My uncle has to go to
 - 8 ☐ What is the typical sentence
- a reward of £10,000 for information about the crime.
b punishment for this crime?
c court tomorrow. He saw a burglary.
d ~~fine for shoplifting.~~
e lawyer to help you.
f prison because he was too young.
g as a judge. It's a difficult job.
h for shoplifting in your country?

6 ● Order the letters and complete the words in the sentences.

- The burglar left one *fingerprint* (reninfipgrt) on the window.
- There are _____ (resicuty) cameras all over the city.
- They are going to interview the _____ (scesput) now.
- It's a very difficult _____ (sace) to solve.
- It takes a lot of training to become a _____ (vitedtece).
- How would you feel if you were a _____ (senwits) to a serious crime?

7 ●● Complete the sentences with these words. There is one extra word.

court fine judge lawyer ~~prison~~ punishment reward

- Matt spent fifteen years in *prison* for his crimes.
- Everyone in _____ was shocked by the details of this terrible crime.
- He will receive a harsh _____ for this crime.
- The _____ decides how long someone should spend in prison.
- You often pay a _____ for crimes like driving faster than the speed limit allows.
- Jen got a £50 _____ for taking the missing bag to the police station.

8 ●●● Read the texts and choose the correct answer.

- a robbing **b** damaging c stealing d committing
- a burglar b burglary c vandal d vandalism
- a prison b fine c reward d judge
- a punishment b law c court d reward
- a shoplifters b vandals c thieves d pickpockets
- a robbed b broke c stole d committed
- a lawyers b robbers c witnesses d thieves
- a clues b cases c fines d fingerprints
- a punishment b fine c reward d sentence
- a shoplifter b vandal c pickpocket d burglar
- a commit b break c solve d damage
- a judge b law c fine d court



The Westbury Times

THEY NEED TO LEARN A LESSON!

Two teenagers were arrested for ¹ _____ their school building yesterday. The two boys broke windows in the building and sprayed paint on the walls. The police said ² _____ of this kind was very serious. The teenagers are too young to go to ³ _____, but the police hope the ⁴ _____ they receive will be strong enough to teach them a lesson.

INFORMATION NEEDED

The police are asking for help from the public after ⁵ _____ got away with two valuable paintings. The criminals ⁶ _____ into the town's art gallery last night. There were no ⁷ _____, but the police hope the gallery's security cameras will give them some ⁸ _____. The art gallery is offering a ⁹ _____ of £10,000 for the safe return of the two paintings.

BRAVE GRANDMOTHER CATCHES A CRIMINAL

Sixty-two-year-old grandmother Beryl Bridges was shocked when she saw a ¹⁰ _____ stealing someone's wallet near the station on Saturday. She chased after the man and caught him when he tripped and fell. 'It makes me really angry when people ¹¹ _____ crimes,' Beryl said. 'They shouldn't get away with it!' The man will appear in ¹² _____ tomorrow.