33 Crime

A Types of crime

Some of these crimes involve **threatening** people (= saying you will cause trouble for them, and possibly hurt them if they do not do what you want). Most of these crimes are also **deliberate** (= you intend to do them; SYN **intentional**), but not always.

GLOSSARY

manslaughter	(*slaughter* pronounced like *daughter*) killing sb illegally but not deliberately	**blackmail**	demanding money from a person by threatening to tell sb else a secret about them **blackmail** *v.* The person is a **blackmailer**.
arson	deliberately setting fire to sth, especially a building. The person is an **arsonist**.	**kidnapping**	taking sb away illegally and keeping them prisoner, especially in order to get money **kidnap** *v.* The person is a **kidnapper**.
rape	forcing sb to have sex, especially using violence **rape** *v.* The person is a **rapist**.	**shoplifting**	stealing goods from a shop by leaving without paying for them. The person is a **shoplifter**.
fraud	cheating sb in order to get money or goods illegally	**mugging**	attacking sb, or threatening to attack sb in order to steal their money, especially in a public place **mug** *v.* The person is a **mugger**.
bribery	giving money to sb to persuade them to help you, especially by doing sth dishonest **bribe** *v*		

1 Put the crimes in the three columns below.

shoplifting mugging manslaughter bribery
arson kidnapping rape fraud

involves violence	may involve violence	doesn't involve violence
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2 Circle the crimes which usually involve money.

arson fraud mugging
manslaughter bribery blackmail
shoplifting rape kidnapping

3 Write down the person who commits these crimes.

1 shoplifting/ .....
2 blackmail/ .....
3 arson/ .....
4 kidnapping/ .....
5 rape/ .....
6 mugging/ .....

4 Complete the sentences.

1 I was ..... outside my office by a man with a knife who demanded money from me.
2 He wasn't guilty of murder, but was found guilty of ..... .
3 The boy was ..... outside his home and held prisoner for weeks.
4 There is often a notice in stores saying that '..... will be prosecuted'.
5 He stopped the woman in the street, ... her with a knife, and took her money.
6 The man accused of ..... the girl insists that she agreed to have sex with him.
7 He ..... the policeman with both money and expensive holidays.
8 He said he did it, but claims it was not ..... .
9 She ..... him by threatening to tell the police about the money he stole.
10 He went to prison for credit card ..... .

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B Causes of crime

What do you think?

- Some people think that it is the people closest to us when we are growing up who have the greatest responsibility for shaping our **moral** standards.
- Crime rates tend to be higher in **slum** areas, and for children from these areas, crime can become an **attraction** because it offers a way of becoming richer. They join **gangs** and **drift into** crime.
- Another cause is the **abuse** of alcohol and drugs which can force people into crime.
- Some argue it is personal weakness or **parental neglect**, made worse by a lack of **discipline** at home or in school, that leads people into crime.
- Some believe that if **penalties** for **offenders** were **harsher**, crime would go down.

GLOSSARY

moral	concerned with principles of right and wrong behaviour **morals** *n pl*
slum	an area of a city that is very poor and where the houses are in bad condition
attraction	a feature or quality that makes sth seem interesting and enjoyable
gang	a group of young people who often cause trouble
drift into sth	start doing sth without a particular plan or purpose
abuse	the use of sth in a way that is wrong or harmful: ***suffer abuse*** **abuse** *v*
parental	connected with parents
neglect	the fact of not giving enough care or attention to sb/sth **neglect** *v*
discipline	the practice of training people to obey rules and punishing them if they do not
penalty	a punishment for breaking a law, a rule or a contract
offender	a person who commits a crime
harsh	severe, strict or cruel

5 **Circle the words which have a negative meaning.**

slum	attraction	gang	abuse	discipline
neglect	penalty	parental	moral	harsh

6 **Replace the underlined words with a single word that keeps the same meaning.**

1 It's basically a very poor area of the city with houses in bad condition. .....
2 The parents have not given enough care and attention to these children. .....
3 Some of the children need better training to obey rules. .....
4 There's a very unpleasant group of youths waiting at the end of the street. .....
5 The children have suffered from wrong and harmful treatment. .....
6 Many people who commit crimes go on to commit further crimes. .....
7 It's all about knowing the difference between right and wrong. .....
8 If you see no future for yourself, crime is an exciting idea with possibilities of money. .....

7 **Complete the sentences on the right. Keep the same meaning as the sentences on the left.**

1 It's the responsibility of the parents. It's a _____.
2 They have abused the children. The children have _____.
3 The teenagers do what they like. The teenagers lack _____.
4 The issue is all about right and wrong. It's a _____.
5 The law is too soft. We need _____.
6 I committed crimes with no real plan or purpose. I just _____.
7 There hasn't been enough care and attention. There has been a lot of _____.
8 Young people like money. For young people, money is a big _____.

8 ABOUT YOU **Look at the opinions about the causes of crime at the top of page. Do you agree? What about crimes committed by people who aren't poor?**

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