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burgle (v): to get into a building illegally and steal things
e.g. *My house was* ***burgled*** *while I was away on holiday.*



flee (v): to run away; to escape
e.g. *The armed robber had* ***fled*** *the scene of the crime before the police arrived.*



hostage (n): sb who has been captured by a person or an organisation and may be killed if their demands are not satisfied
e.g. *A journalist was held* ***hostage*** *by terrorists for ransom.*



hurt (v): to cause physical pain; injure
e.g. *Ann was seriously* ***hurt*** *by a mugger on her way home.*



pay (v): to give money to sb because you want to buy sth or because you owe them; to compensate
e.g. *Vandals have to* ***pay*** *for the damage they caused to the private property.*



steal (v): to secretly take sth that does not belong to you and without the intention of returning it
e.g. *I had my wallet* ***stolen*** *on the bus.*



5 Crime

Breaking the law

1 Complete the newspaper headlines. Use: CHECK

hostage
pay
burgled
flees
hurt
steals

A
GUNMAN 1) _____ WITH CASH FROM BANK

B
GANG 2) _____ PICASSO PAINTING FROM MUSEUM

C
ACTRESS'S HOUSE 3) _____

D
PENSIONER SERIOUSLY 4) _____ IN PARK FOR £14.00

E
TERRORIST GROUP TAKES MILLIONAIRE'S SON 5) _____

F
PARENTS HAVE TO 6) _____ FOR SCHOOL GRAFFITI

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1 Now, match the newspaper headlines to the crime each is about. CHECK

1 *mugging*
2 *burglary*
3 *vandalism*
4 *robbery*
5 *theft*
6 *kidnapping*

A ☐

GUNMAN FLEES WITH CASH FROM BANK

B ☐

GANG STEALS PICASSO PAINTING FROM MUSEUM

C ☐

ACTRESS'S HOUSE BURGLED

D ☐

PENSIONER SERIOUSLY HURT IN PARK FOR £14.00

E ☐

TERRORIST GROUP TAKES MILLIONAIRE'S SON HOSTAGE

F ☐

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2 Complete the extracts below. CHECK

A

caught escaped broke stole

A 19-year-old student from Texas 1) _____ into a house in Stanford last Tuesday. He 2) _____ two diamond necklaces and 3) _____ without being 4) _____.

B

broken masked showed missing

Works of art were stolen from the Museum of Modern Art last Friday. The paintings were discovered 1) _____ around 6:30 am. Museum officials found a 2) _____ window and surveillance cameras 3) _____ two 4) _____ men entering the museum.

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2 Which of the newspaper headlines on the right does each match? CHECK

A matches headline

A 19-year-old student from Texas broke into a house in Stanford last Tuesday. He stole two diamond necklaces and escaped without being caught.

B matches headline

Works of art were stolen from the Museum of Modern Art last Friday. The paintings were discovered missing around 6:30 am. Museum officials found a broken window and surveillance cameras showed two masked men entering the museum.

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