

Vocabulary

1 Complete the news summaries with the words below.

arson arsonist burglars burgled looters looting
mugger muggings shoplifters shoplifting

1 Someone set fire to an empty building early this morning. Police said it was _____ and that they haven't caught the _____ yet.

2 Someone attacked a woman and stole her handbag. She did not see the face of the _____. There have been a lot of similar _____ in the area.

3 _____ broke into five shops last night. They took money and goods. Someone had _____ two of the shops before.

4 After a flood caused damage, _____ took food and tools from several buildings. All of the suspects had received fines for _____ before.

5 Often young people's friends encourage them to steal from shops. It seems like a game, but _____ is a crime, and _____ can receive large fines.

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2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

arrest CCTV footage culprit investigation
patrol searched suspect witnesses

1 As soon as a neighbour reported the murder, the police launched an _____.

2 The police _____ the house for clues.

3 Two detectives have arrested a _____, a man who has committed many crimes before.

4 The police can't make an _____ until they have more evidence.

5 The police chief was on the news appealing for _____.

6 There are cameras in the area so the police have _____ to study.

7 A witness came forward and identified the _____ from a photograph.

8 Several guards _____ the area around the palace day and night to check that everything is secure.

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3 Match the two parts of the compound nouns.

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| 1 a murder _____ | a car |
| 2 a _____ ticket | b chewing |
| 3 _____ gum | c secret |
| 4 finger _____ | d dental |
| 5 _____ records | e investigation |
| 6 an open-top _____ | f number |
| 7 a telephone _____ | g train |
| 8 a _____ code | h prints |

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Word Skills

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- The criminal chose the most _____ way to travel – by bus. (economy)
- The food was disappointing: overpriced and _____. (taste)
- The witness said the suspect had _____ eyes: a mixture of brown and green. (brown)
- It was _____ that James wasn't carrying anything valuable when he was mugged. He only lost a cheap watch. (luck)
- The police are pleased when burglars are _____ and leave fingerprints behind. (care)
- They noticed the contrast between the _____ setting and the terrible crime. (peace)
- The mugging victim was _____ that the police hadn't arrested anyone. (fury)
- The lawyer didn't want to use him as a witness because he wasn't very _____ – his version of what happened kept changing. (rely)
- It's _____ to walk around on your own late at night. (danger)

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Grammar

5 Correct the mistakes in the reported speech.

- 1 'I'm not saying any more,' she told us.
She said us she wasn't saying any more. **X**

- 2 'You took my phone,' the man said to me.
The man said to me that I had taken my phone. **X**

- 3 'Everyone knows Jim,' the woman said.
The woman said that everyone had known Jim. ✗
- 4 'These are the boys who broke in last night,' the man told the officer.
The man told the officer that those were the boys who had broken in last night. ✗
- 5 'I am keeping you here until you answer my questions,' the detective told her.
The detective told her that he is keeping her there until she answered his questions. ✗
- 6 'I don't believe a word you tell me,' the officer said to her.
The officer said that he didn't believe a word she told her. ✗

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6 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 'Tell me everything you know about the suspect,' Inspector Morris said to her.
Inspector Morris ordered her
- 2 'There is something in this flat we are not seeing,' the detective said to his partner.
The detective
- 3 'Is this your phone?' the man asked her.
The man
- 4 'The train has been late every morning this week,' the girl told us.
The girl told
- 5 'How many times did he come into the shop?' the detective asked.
The detective wondered
- 6 'I first realised that my car was missing last night,' the man told the officer.
The man
- 7 'I won't tell you where my son was yesterday,' the woman said to the detective.
The woman refused

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Use of English

- 7 Complete the text with the words below. There are two extra words.

before described for on there when why

Witnesses to crimes are not always very good at remembering what they have seen. The appearance of a suspect is often ¹ differently by different witnesses. Part of the problem is that a crime usually happens very quickly, and people often feel very nervous while it is going ². They then can't remember what they have seen, even if it was just the day ³. People also often imagine things when they don't have a clear picture of something or someone. For example, ⁴ a witness says that she saw a man with blonde hair and blue eyes, it's often the case that she didn't actually see the eye colour at all, but she's guessed it because she knows the colour of the man's hair. Of course, this is very frustrating for the police. But now that ⁵ are CCTV cameras in so many places, police officers often have real images to use when witnesses can't remember all the facts.

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Total: / 65

I can ...

Read the statements. Think about your progress and tick one of the boxes.

★ = I need more practice.

★★★ = No problem!

★★ = I sometimes find this difficult.

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I can describe different crimes.			
I can report what other people have said.			
I can listen for paraphrase.			
I can report what other people have said.			
I can understand and use different adjective suffixes.			
I can understand a text about a mystery.			
I can describe photos of crimes.			
I can write an email about a crime.			