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ABOUT YOU

How much crime is there in your town or city?
Which crimes are the biggest problem where you live?

VOCABULARY

Crimes and criminals

1 Match the crimes to the photos.

burglary

hacking

pickpocketing

shoplifting

theft

vandalism



2 Listen to six people talking about crime and decide which crime the speakers are talking about.

burglary

hacking

pickpocketing

shoplifting

theft

vandalism

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3 Complete the sentences with the missing crimes from Exercise 1 and the correct type of criminals in the box. Use the plural form where necessary. Then listen and check.

burglar hacker pickpocket shoplifter thief vandal

- 1 Three weeks ago a _____ stole over 100 million email addresses and passwords from a bank in the United States. Experts believe that _____ costs businesses over two trillion dollars every year.
- 2 We have a problem with _____ in our area. _____ have smashed the window of my parents' car three times in the last year.
- 3 We think that only 10% of _____ are professionals. For these people _____ is a job. They typically rob large stores and steal expensive items like designer clothes or bags.
- 4 I'd like to report the _____ of a car. I saw it happen. And I can describe the _____.
- 5 Please be careful of _____ in crowded areas. _____ is common at stations.
- 6 My neighbour doesn't know when the _____ happened. The _____ took TVs, computers, things like that.

4 Read the example and complete the definitions with the verbs *steal* and *rob*.

Professional shoplifters typically **rob** large stores and **steal** expensive items like designer clothes or bags.

- 1 Thieves _____ something from a place or person.
- 2 Thieves _____ a place or a person of something.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *steal* or *rob*.

- 1 The thief _____ my phone from the table in the café.
- 2 Do any of these photos show the man who _____ you?
- 3 My parents once came home and a burglar was _____ their flat. He ran away immediately.
- 4 Is downloading films the same as _____ them?

2 Match the words in Exercise 1 to the pictures.



VOCABULARY

Crimes and criminals

1 Write the letters in the correct order to make crime words.

- 1 l u g r r a y b _____
- 2 v a i m s n a l d _____
- 3 e t f h t _____
- 4 g i s o h i l t n p f _____
- 5 c o p i p n g c e t i k k _____
- 6 a g i h c k n _____

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

3 Match the definition with the type of crime from Exercise 1.

- 1 when someone enters another person's house without asking and takes their things _____
- 2 when someone takes something from another person's bag or pocket without them knowing _____
- 3 when someone takes something from a shop without paying for it _____
- 4 when someone enters someone else's computer system and takes information without them knowing _____
- 5 when someone damages private or public buildings or things _____
- 6 when someone dishonestly takes another person's things and keeps them _____

4 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

- 1 I really worry about *shoplifters* / *hackers* reading my emails.
- 2 I read an article in the paper yesterday about some *vandals* / *burglars* in the city centre breaking windows.
- 3 *Pickpockets* / *Burglars* don't care that when they enter someone's house and take their things, it can have a huge emotional effect.
- 4 There are signs everywhere on the metro telling passengers to be careful with their bags, as there are lots of *hackers* / *pickpockets*.
- 5 They put cameras in the office after *a thief* / *a shoplifter* stole a lot of money from an employee's desk.
- 6 Mrs Santana caught the *burglars* / *shoplifters* who were trying to steal mobile phones from her shop.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the crimes and criminals.

- 1 A _____ stole millions of dollars from people's bank accounts. Security teams at the banks say _____ is a very serious problem in the United States.
- 2 After breaking the windows and putting paint on the door, the two _____ ran away. One _____ was wearing a black hat.
- 3 I'd like to report a _____. I arrived home tonight to find a _____ in my kitchen with a bag full of my things.
- 4 I watched the _____ as they put their hands inside people's bags and pockets and took their money. _____ happens a lot in some big cities.
- 5 The police say that car _____ has increased since 2014. The _____ are usually between the ages of 18 and 35.
- 6 The local shop has a few _____ who steal their chocolate bars. The police are often called there because of _____.