Unit 10



crime & punishment

EXERCISE 1

Match the following to make phrases connected with crime and punishment:

1 to commit	☐ guilty
2 to make	☐ a crime
3 to plead	☐ trial
4 to punish	☐ an accusation
5 to stand	☐ a criminal

EXERCISE 2

Your turn to be judge!

There are several different types of legal punishment. Do you know what the following mean?

PUNISHMENT	MEANING
a fine	
a prison sentence	
a ban	
capital punishment	
a suspended sentence	

Think about the crimes mentioned on the next page. Decide on a punishment/sentence for each crime. Think about the seriousness of the crime, who the victim is in each case, the degree of suffering involved, etc.

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CRIME	SUITABLE PUNISHMENT
Shoplifting a dress worth £45	
Disturbing the peace (making noise, fighting in the street, etc.)	
Murder of a pensioner	
Not paying tax	
Driving whilst drunk	

EXERCISE 3

Match six pairs of words from the lists below:

1 lawyer
2 guilty
3 justice
4 criminal
5 jailed
6 judge



☐ freed
☐ injustice
☐ innocent
☐ client
☐ victim
☐ jury

EXERCISE 4

Fill the gaps in the following table:

CRIME	CRIMINAL
	arsonist
burglary	
	mugger
pickpocketing	
	robber
murder	
	drug pusher
shoplifting	

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EXERCISE 5

Now complete these sentences:

1 Someone who steals money from banks is a bank _____ .

2 Someone who sells drugs is a _____ .

3 Someone who steals things from a shop is a _____ .

4 Someone who steals from your pocket is a _____ .

5 Someone who has killed a great number of people is a mass _____ .

EXERCISE 6

Match these notorious criminals with their crimes:

1 Jack the Ripper	2 Ronald Biggs	3 William Bonney
4 Lee Harvey Oswald	5 Robin Hood	

1 Took part in the Great Train Robbery _____

2 Assassinated President John F. Kennedy _____

3 Alias Billie the Kid, a 'legendary' villain of the Wild West, who murdered 21 men before he was shot down in 1881 _____

4 A blood-thirsty murderer famous for his activities in Victorian London _____

5 A legendary hero who stole from the rich to give to the poor _____

EXERCISE 7

Prepositional phrases

The trial of the so-called 'Martini Murderer' took place yesterday at London's Old Bailey. Peter Cocks, a 37-year-old architect from Devon, was found guilty of setting fire to several stately homes, which he himself had designed, all located in the south-west of England. On each occasion, he telephoned the police, telling them the 'Martini Murderer' had struck again and police forensic experts found empty bottles of Martini at the scene of each crime.

Complete the rest of the text by choosing the correct preposition/particle from the choices given:

at	at	in	in	of	off	out	to	under

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When cross-examined, Cocks said he had been _____ of work for some time and frustration had driven him to drink. Things had got worse and he gradually realised he couldn't keep his Martini addiction _____ control. He was arrested _____ the scene _____ his last crime, Osbourne House in Buckinghamshire, where an _____-duty policeman saw him acting suspiciously and alerted a patrol car. The house _____ question was already ablaze but the fire brigade was quickly called _____ the scene. Cocks' wife was present _____ the trial but declined to comment: she was seen leaving the courtroom _____ tears.

Right or Wrong?

Answer the following with a ✔ :

	Right	Wrong
1 The Martini murderer was an alcoholic.	☐	☐
2 Cocks set fire to more than one house.	☐	☐
3 Cocks was unemployed when he committed arson.	☐	☐
4 The policeman who arrested him was wearing a uniform.	☐	☐
5 Cocks' wife was accused of committing a crime.	☐	☐

EXERCISE 8

Affixes

Which prefixes and suffixes can be used in combination with the following words?

prefixes :	**mis- il- un-**
suffixes :	**-ful -worthy -ify**

law ➤ _____

trust ➤ _____

lead ➤ _____

legal ➤ _____

just ➤ _____

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