

Vocabulary Associated with Crime

Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

A. Match the beginnings of the sentences below with the correct endings.

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| 1. We managed to break out of the prison | a. none of the windows were locked. |
| 2. They tried to blow up the car by | b. warning after trying to steal a phone. |
| 3. The house was easy to break into as | c. by overcharging them for their meal. |
| 4. The men who tried to hold up the bank | d. were wearing black masks and holding guns. |
| 5. The waiter tried to rip off the customers | e. stole his wallet and phone. |
| 6. It wasn't easy to track down the car as | f. through an open bathroom window. |
| 7. They can lock you up in prison if | g. planting a bomb in the engine. |
| 8. The teenagers were let off with a | h. van before the police arrived. |
| 9. The thieves manage to get away in their | i. you don't pay your taxes. |
| 10. The gang beat up the jogger and | j. the number plates had been changed. |

B. Match the phrasal verbs in bold from Exercise A with their definitions.

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| 1. Rob at gunpoint | 6. Enter property illegally |
| 2. Escape from prison | 7. Injure by repeated kicking, hitting, etc |
| 3. Punish someone lightly or not at all | 8. Cheat someone |
| 4. Put someone in prison | 9. Find someone through a difficult search |
| 5. Escape without being caught | 10. Explode, make something explode |

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| 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |

C. Complete the phrasal verbs in each sentence using the particles below.

into up (4) down away off (2) out of

- The gang who beat that poor guy should be locked in prison for life.
- The men who held the bank managed to get in their van.
- Police are trying to track the men that blew the embassy last July.
- After being caught ripping customers, the shop manager was let with a warning.
- I was imprisoned for breaking several houses. I then managed to break jail.

D. Complete the sentences using one of the nouns below plus one of the phrasal verbs from the previous page in a suitable form.

conman prisoners victim judge pickpockets
 protestors terrorists burglars police robbers

1. The the house and stole all the family's jewellery.
2. The the bank staff and forced them to empty the safe.
3. The the jail by stealing the warden's keys.
4. The hid a bomb in a suitcase and the plane mid-flight.
5. The vandals were by the and didn't even have to pay a fine.
6. are trying to the person who stole the minister's car last week.
7. The was found bleeding in the park after being by the gang.
8. The tried to the tourists by selling them fake bus passes.
9. The were in a cell after their demonstrations grew violent.
10. The managed to before we realised they had stolen our wallets.

E. i) Complete the questions using nouns and phrasal verbs from the previous exercises then ask them to a partner.

1. Has your home ever been? If so, what was stolen?
2. Do you know anyone who has been the of a serious crime? If so, what happened?
3. Have you ever been by a waiter or salesperson? If so, what did you do about it?
4. Do you think people are too lightly after committing serious crimes? If so, explain.
5. What do you think would be the worst thing about being in jail for several years?

ii) Complete the list of crimes using the words below, then talk to your partner and rank them in order from the most serious (1), to the least serious (5). Afterwards, discuss what punishments you think would be suitable for the people that committed them.

blowing beating ripping breaking holding

1. into a house and stealing a several computers
2. up a bank full of customers using guns and threatening to shoot
3. off customers by selling them fake concert tickets
4. up an empty car by planting a bomb in the engine
5. someone up to steal their wallet and leaving them severely injured