

8A Cutting crime

No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails.
Nelson Mandela

G the passive (all forms); have something done; it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc. **V** crime and punishment **P** the letter u

1 VOCABULARY crime and punishment

a Complete the text with the words in the list.

be burglarized break into burglar burglary steal

I never thought that my apartment would ¹ be burglarized because I live on the third floor. But one day, I came home to find that the lock on my front door was broken. When I called the police to report the ² _____, a police officer came to the apartment and looked around. She said that the ³ _____ had probably climbed over the roofs of the houses behind to ⁴ _____ the apartment through a window. He had then broken the lock on the front door to leave. The thief didn't ⁵ _____ much – just some money and an old camera of mine – but I was shocked that it had been so easy for him to get into my apartment.

b Read the definitions and complete the missing letters in the crime.

- entering a building illegally and stealing things from it
b u r g l a r y
- killing somebody deliberately
m _____ d _____
- giving money or valuable items to a person to persuade them to help you
br _____ b _____
- following and watching somebody over a long period of time in a way that is annoying or frightening
st _____ k _____
- destroying or damaging something, especially public property, deliberately and for no good reason
v _____ d _____ l _____
- demanding money from a person by threatening to tell somebody else a secret about them
bl _____ m _____
- using violence or threats to take control of a vehicle, often in order to demand something from a government
h _____ j _____ ck _____
- copying money, documents, etc., in order to cheat people
f _____ g _____
- using violent action in order to achieve political aims or force a government to act
t _____ rr _____ r _____

- finding a way to look at or change information on somebody else's computer system without permission
h _____ ck _____
- stealing something from a person or place
th _____
- cheating somebody to get money or goods illegally
fr _____
- stealing money from a bank, store, person, etc., especially using violence or threats
r _____ bb _____
- attacking somebody violently in order to steal their money, especially in a public place
m _____ gg _____
- taking, sending, or bringing goods secretly or illegally into or out of a country
sm _____ l _____
- taking somebody away illegally and keeping them as a prisoner, especially in order to get money
k _____ n _____ pp _____

c Complete the chart.

criminal	verb
¹ <u>burglar</u>	burglarize
² _____	murder
³ <u>x</u> _____	bribe
⁴ _____	stalk
⁵ _____	vandalize
⁶ _____	blackmail
⁷ _____	hijack
⁸ _____	forge
⁹ _____	set off bombs, etc.
¹⁰ _____	hack
¹¹ _____	steal
¹² _____	commit fraud
¹³ _____	rob
¹⁴ _____	mug
¹⁵ _____	smuggle
_____	kidnap

d Complete the sentences with the past simple form of a verb from c.

- 1 Fortunately, the gang robbed the bank when there were no customers inside.
- 2 The woman _____ the actor for many years, following him wherever he went.
- 3 They _____ \$1 million worth of electronic goods into the country before they were caught at customs.
- 4 The construction company _____ the mayor with tens of thousands of dollars for permission to build houses on the land.
- 5 Two men _____ my friend at knifepoint yesterday. They took all her money.
- 6 The woman _____ fraud by pretending she was a psychic and charging people.
- 7 Some teenagers _____ my house while I was away and took all my music equipment.
- 8 Apparently, she _____ her husband by poisoning him because she was planning to cash in the insurance money.
- 9 Someone _____ my car from outside my house last night.
- 10 They _____ the businessman by threatening to send the photographs to his wife if he didn't pay them the money.
- 11 Two armed men _____ the plane and forced the pilot to take them to the nearest airport.
- 12 The woman was arrested because she _____ several documents including passports, driver's licenses, and stock certificates.
- 13 The terrorists _____ a bomb inside a crowded shopping mall.
- 14 A couple _____ the politician as he left his house and later demanded \$1 million for his safe return.
- 15 Youths _____ the park last night and damaged a lot of trees and flowers.
- 16 Someone _____ my computer last month and stole my personal details.

e Complete the text with the words in the lists.

Nouns

court evidence judge jury proof punishment verdict witnesses

Verbs

accused acquitted arrest catch charged committed investigate question sentenced

It is the job of the police to ¹ investigate crimes and try to ² _____ the criminal or criminals who ³ _____ the crime. When the police have a suspect, they can ⁴ _____ him or her and take them to the police station to ⁵ _____ them. If the suspect is ⁶ _____ with the crime, they have to appear in front of a ⁷ _____ and maybe a ⁸ _____ (of 12 people) in ⁹ _____. Here they are ¹⁰ _____ of the crime and ¹¹ _____ may be called to give ¹² _____. If there is no ¹³ _____ that they were involved in the crime, they are ¹⁴ _____. If not, they have to wait for the ¹⁵ _____. If they are found guilty, they are given a ¹⁶ _____. In some cases, they may be ¹⁷ _____ to spend a period of time in prison.

2 VOCABULARY FROM READING

Complete the sentences with a word from the list.

con claim hand over impression prey scam target wary

- 1 Be careful when buying something from an unfamiliar website, because someone might try to con you.
- 2 Fake gas inspectors _____ on elderly people living alone.
- 3 We were under the _____ that we had rented an apartment, but in fact it didn't exist.
- 4 The robbers ordered the bank staff to _____ the money if they didn't want to get hurt.
- 5 He tried to _____ he had made a mistake, but it was obvious he was lying.
- 6 I'm _____ of giving someone my email address if I don't know them very well.
- 7 A common _____ in big cities is for a tourist to be sprayed with a liquid and then have their wallet stolen by a person helping to clean the mess.
- 8 The gang chose to _____ small jewelry stores in the hope that they would be easier to rob.



3 PRONUNCIATION the letter u

a Circle the word with a different sound.

1  bird	burglar murderer verdict <u>very</u>
2  up	surroundings drugs judge smuggle
3  tourist	during future jury secure
4 /yu/	accuse community punish useful
5  saw	caught guilty stalker fraud

b 8.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

4 GRAMMAR the passive (all forms); have something done; it is said that..., he is thought to..., etc.

a Complete the text with the correct active or passive form of the verbs in parentheses.

Last month my motorcycle ¹ was taken (take) from outside my house. When I called the police, I ² found out (find out) that over 20 motorcycles ³ _____ (steal) in my area in the previous six months. The officer I spoke to promised me that the thief would ⁴ _____ (catch) and punished as soon as possible.

First, the police ⁵ _____ (question) all the victims of the thefts and ⁶ _____ (visit) all the motorcycle dealers in the area. Their investigations came to an end late last night when they identified the criminal... as my next-door neighbor!

He ⁷ _____ (just arrest), and right now he ⁸ _____ (hold) at the local police station. His case ⁹ _____ (hear) in court next week and everyone ¹⁰ _____ (expect) him to be found guilty. He might ¹¹ _____ (give) a short prison sentence, but the best thing is that no more motorcycles ¹² _____ (steal) in my area in the future.

b Rewrite the sentences with *have something done*.

- Someone is going to change the lock on my front door.
I'm going to have the lock on my front door changed.
- Someone tests our burglar alarm twice a year.
We _____ twice a year.
- A mechanic has repaired my car.
I _____.
- Someone broke our windows when we were on vacation.
We _____ when we were on vacation.
- Someone will clean my carpets in the spring.
I _____ in the spring.
- Someone has hacked my boyfriend's computer.
My boyfriend _____.
- Someone cleans Ahmed's apartment once a week.
Ahmed _____ once a week.
- A company is redesigning our back yard.
We _____.

c Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

- It is known that the forger is a local man.
The forger is known to be a local man.
- The blackmailer is understood to be a colleague of the victim.
It is understood that the blackmailer is a colleague of the victim.
- It is expected that the man will be acquitted.
The man _____.
- It is reported that kidnappers have taken the president's wife.
Kidnappers _____.
- The terrorists are thought to be in hiding somewhere in France.
It is _____.
- The suspect is known to be dangerous.
It is _____.
- The police are said to have arrested three men.
It is _____.
- It is reported that vandals have damaged several buildings in the area.
Vandals _____.

d Write an anecdote about a crime that you or someone you know was affected by. Use the passive and causative *have*.

