

GOLD - LIVE LESSONS

Crime

What you will learn:

Vocabulary about Crime
Types of Crime
Idioms about Crime
Listening Bingo

Warm up

1) What is the Crime here?



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2) What are these crimes?

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IELTS Speaking Vocabulary: Crime

1. A crime (n. C.) /kraɪm/
= an action that is against the law

To be against the law
To break the law
To be illegal

*It's a **crime** to drink alcohol and drive a car*

Synonyms

A crime
An offence
A violation of the law (formal)

Collocations

To **prevent (a) crime**
= to stop it happening

To **commit a crime**
= to do an illegal act

Crime (n. U)
= illegal activities

*The **crime rate** has risen although we are trying to **fight crime**.*

violent crime (armed robbery, mugging, murder)
petty crime = a small crime (pickpocketing, shoplifting)

knife crime
cyber crime

2. A criminal (n. Person) /'krɪm ɪ nəl/
= someone who commits a crime

Synonyms

A crook (informal)

An **offender** (a young offender, a sex offender)

A **felon** (U.S.)

Perpetrator /'pɜː pə treɪ tə/ (frml)

*The **perpetrator of this crime**, needs bringing to justice*

Criminal (adj.)

*Smoking inside a pub is a **criminal offence***

3. To arrest someone /ə'rest/

= To detain (keep) a person who may have committed a crime (normally with handcuffs)

*The police **made an arrest** this morning.*

*They **arrested** a man **for** stealing a car.*

*He **is now under arrest** in the local police station.*

4. Jail (n. C/U) /dʒeɪl/

= prison, a place to keep criminals away from society, and **punish** or **rehabilitate** them.

To **jail** someone (v.) /dʒeɪl/

= to put someone in jail (often passive)

*He was **jailed** for 10 years*

*She was **jailed** for life*

5. To sentence someone
= to give a punishment in jail

*The judge **sentenced** him to 10 years in prison.*

Idiomatic Expressions

Can you guess the idioms?

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Answers at end of PDF

Listening Bingo

Listen to this Breaking News



<https://on.soundcloud.com/iGZaPqcF5XRvchmZ7>

1) Mark the boxes that contain the *exact* words you hear. When you have a line of 3, **type** BINGO (and the words) in the chat.

Break the law	Be illegal	Fight crime
Picking a clock	On patrol	Catch red-handed
On the dot	Bad work	Doing time

2) Listen again and note any useful collocations

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BREAKING NEWS

Last night, in the quiet town of Santander, a crime was committed. A criminal, known to police as Keith the Thief, decided to **break the law**.

He was caught by police stealing jewellery from a local jeweller's. This was **a violation of the law** and definitely **against the law**.

The crook thought he could **get away with it**, (*to not be caught*) but the police were **on high alert** to **prevent crime** in the area. As the criminal, Keith the Thief, was picking the lock, Officer James, who was **on patrol**, saw him. The crook didn't notice and continued with his **illegal act**, unaware that he was about to be **caught red-handed**.

Officer James quickly **called for backup** (*=call for more police to help*). The police surrounded the shop and arrested the crook **on the spot** (*=there and then, immediately*).

The offender will appear in court next week, where police think he will be sentenced and **sent to jail**.

Officer James said, 'Keith is **a bad piece of work**, he needs **to be behind bars**.'

We all hope Keith the Thief will find himself **doing time**, unable to commit another crime, so that Santander will be safe again!

Dad Jokes 😂

1) Why did the thief wear blue gloves?



2) Why did the criminal become a baker?



Answers at end of PDF

Song

It's Criminal

Last night in Santander, all was calm and still,
But someone had a different kind of thrill.
Keith the Thief crept through the town,
Looking for jewels to steal and sell down.
He picked the lock, he thought he was sly,
Didn't see the police nearby.

[Chorus]

Caught red-handed, in the act,
Officer James was fast to react.
Arrested on the spot, no time to run,
Keith's night of crime was done.
Now he'll face the court, oh what a life,
No more trouble, no more strife.
He broke the law, now he'll pay the price —
Put behind bars with the friendly mice!

ANSWERS

Warm up

1) What is the Crime here?



Here some possible answers:

- **A murder** (n. C / U) = kill someone intentionally
- **Manslaughter** (n. U) = kill someone by accident
- **Homicide** (n. C / U) = killing of a person either planned or by accident
- **Assassination** (n. C /U) = a planned killing of a famous person

2) What are these crimes?

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1. **Murder / homicide**
2. **Robbery / mugging / stealing / assault** (attacking someone)
3. **Bribery / corruption / fraud / embezzlement** (misappropriation of funds)
4. **Arson**

Notice, these are all nouns.

Mugging is attacking and stealing from someone

To **assault** someone = to attack someone

To **rob** someone / a place (a bank)

To **mug** someone

To **steal** something

Bribery is the crime where you give money to s.o. in power to help you illegally

The money you give is a **bribe** or a **kickback**

Corruption is the illegal use of power for private benefit

Fraud is criminal deception for personal benefit

Embezzlement is the theft or misappropriation of funds

Listening Bingo

Answer

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Idioms about Crime

1. To **catch** someone **red-handed**

= to catch someone in the act of doing something wrong

I was caught red-handed trying to steal a car.

The police caught him red-handed trying to steal a car.

2. To **do time**

= to serve a prison sentence - to spend time in jail.

He is doing time because he robbed a bank.

He is doing time for robbing a bank.

3. To **be behind bars**

= to be in prison

He's behind bars because he robbed a bank.

He's behind bars for robbing a bank.

Dad Jokes 😂

Why did the thief wear blue gloves?

So he wouldn't be caught red-handed

2) Why did the criminal become a baker?

Because he wanted to steal the dough!

NOTE:

Dough (n. U) (UK slang) = money

Dough (n. U) = the paste for baking