

8B Vocabulary

Crime

Activity A

Work in pairs. Complete only your sentences. Then read the sentence beginnings for your partner to say the word.

Student A

- 1 Someone who steals things is a _____ .
- 2 Someone who steals things from a shop when it's open is a _____ .
- 3 Someone who enters a building illegally to steal things is a _____ .
- 4 Someone who behaves dishonestly in order to win something or get something is a _____ .

Student B

- 1 Someone who tells you something that isn't true is a _____ .
- 2 Someone who steals things from a bank, shop or person, often using violence, is a _____ .
- 3 Someone who kills another person intentionally is a _____ .
- 4 Someone who takes somebody illegally, and keeps them as a prisoner is a _____ .

Activity B

🗨️ Are the people above all criminals? If they are, how serious are their crimes? Rank them from 1 = very serious, to 5 = not serious.

Activity C

🗨️ Work in pairs. Student A: read and complete the first story. Student B: read and complete the second story. When you finish, tell each other about your story.

A A man unfortunately ran out of petrol while he was driving home. He saw two policemen and asked them to help him push the car to the side of the road. They did so, but as they were leaving, one of them noticed that the lock on the door handle was broken. They made a note of the number plate and soon received confirmation that the car had been ¹_____, and the man had a criminal record for car ²_____. The police ³_____ the man on the spot. Some time later, in ⁴_____, the man pleaded ⁵_____ to stealing the car and was ⁶_____ to six months in prison.

B A female police officer received information that a house was being ⁷_____ in a street nearby: a man had ⁸_____ the property by smashing a front window. The officer arrived within minutes and managed to catch the ⁹_____ just as he was getting away. She ¹⁰_____ him, put him in handcuffs, and drove him to the police station. But, on the way, the man managed to attack the police officer and ¹¹_____ the police car. It was later found three miles away. The police are now appealing for ¹²_____ who may have seen what happened. The man is described as short and dark, in his mid-twenties, and may still be wearing handcuffs.

Activity D

🗨️ Discuss the questions.

- 1 Is there any difference between stealing someone's car and stealing a police car?
- 2 Is there any difference between stealing from a supermarket and robbing a person?
- 3 Which is worse, being called a liar or being called a cheat?
- 4 Do you think a decision by a jury is more reliable than a decision by a judge?
- 5 If you kill someone by driving dangerously, is that murder?