

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

9.1 Crime

1 Underline the correct alternatives.

- Every night, the same person follows me as I walk home. I hope she's not *hacking/stalking* me.
- There was a *mugging/shoplifting* in town today. A man grabbed a woman's bag while she was shopping.
- It doesn't matter if the stolen item was small. *Shoplifting/Bribery* is still a crime.
- There was a fire at the internet café last night. The police suspect *hacking/arson*.
- The rise in *bribery/counterfeiting* has seen a lot of fake £20 notes in everyday use.
- I can't stand the *theft/vandalism* in this town. One of our windows was smashed last night.
- That child *kidnapping/hacking* case is making all the headlines. They're asking for \$1m.
- A thirteen-year-old boy's been charged with *stalking/hacking* into a government database.

Dependent prepositions

2 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- A local businessman has been accused _____ bribing a government official.
- Two suspects were later arrested _____ hacking government websites.
- A local man in his twenties is suspected _____ robbing a shop last month.
- Police had to apologise _____ arresting the wrong suspect.
- The emergency services were criticised _____ not responding quickly enough.
- The coastguard has rescued two sailors _____ their damaged boat.
- The jury cleared the defendant _____ all charges.
- A woman has thanked residents _____ coming to her rescue during a mugging.
- A teenage boy has been charged _____ the theft of a car.
- A colleague of mine has been banned _____ driving after she drove at 150 kilometres per hour down the motorway.

3 Find and correct five mistakes with prepositions in the news story.

Local businessman wastes police time

The arrest of local businessman Mr Rice has made headlines today. He was mistaken of a notable bank robber who has carried out a series of high-profile thefts in the South of England, and his photo was published in a local newspaper by mistake. After the photo was published, Mr Rice was heard boasting

with the crime in a local café and joked about hiding for the local police.

After his arrest Mr Rice stated that he wasn't serious about being the notorious bank robber and that he had never participated of any crime. Mr Rice has been condemned for his actions and is very likely to be fined for wasting police time. Some newspapers are calling for him to be punished in wasting police time.

9.2 Synonyms

- 4 Write one word in each gap to complete the conversation. The first letter in each word is given.
- A: I was completely ¹t_____ i_____ by a thief last night.
- B: Oh no. How did he ²f_____ you?
- A: He ³p_____ to be a police officer, but it was just a trick to ⁴d_____ my attention. While he was talking to me, someone else walked round the back of the house and ⁵s_____ my bike.
- B: Oh, I'm so sorry. It's horrible to be ⁶d_____ by someone, especially when they're ⁷p_____ as a person of authority. You don't know who to trust anymore!
- A: Don't worry, I won't ⁸f_____ for it again!

9.3 Incidents

- 5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.
- That poor kitten has got stick up in that tree!
 - The point of bowling is to see how many pins you can kick over.
 - The car's making a strange noise. I hope we don't break up.
 - I lost my keys while I was out and now I'm locked in my house.
 - Apparently police have stopped a group of people from stealing the bank.
 - Mariana got knocked off by a tree branch that fell on her. She was unconscious for a few seconds.
 - Oh no, that building's in fire!
 - I wish Ian would learn to park better. He's just run under my flower bed!

Cars and accidents

6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

boot collided exceed the speed limit indicator
overtake pull out scratching skid sun roof
swerve windscreen wipers wing mirror

- 1 Try not to _____ on that patch of oil.
- 2 The two race cars _____ with each other on the first bend.
- 3 Be careful when you _____ onto this busy road. Make sure you use your _____ so other cars know what you're doing.
- 4 That lorry had to _____ to avoid a fallen branch. Luckily there was nothing coming from the other direction.
- 5 Come on, _____ that lorry. It's so slow!
- 6 If you _____ by more than 5km, you'll receive a fine.
- 7 It's hot in here. Shall we open the _____?
- 8 This lane's far too narrow. The branches are _____ my car and the _____'s come off!
- 9 My _____'s full. You'll have to put your suitcase on the back seat.
- 10 Aren't your _____ working? I can't see a thing in all this rain.

Focus on of

7 Underline the phrases with *of* in 1–12.

- 1 My boss accused me of being lazy!
- 2 Let's take advantage of the free coffee and have a second cup.
- 3 One of my neighbours is suspected of stealing a car.
- 4 Can you get hold of a cheap laptop for me? I need it for university.
- 5 Every day I dream of living on a tropical island.
- 6 At school children used to make fun of Naomi's glasses.
- 7 I made a fool of myself at the dinner party last night. I knocked over a bottle of water and it went everywhere.
- 8 Do you know of anyone who could lend me a bike for a week?
- 9 Let's make the most of tomorrow and go to the beach.
- 10 I hated athletics at school. You could always be sure of me being sick on sports day.
- 11 Could you make use of this TV? I don't need it anymore.
- 12 I'm going to get rid of all my CDs. I've got all the songs on my phone.

8 Complete the spidergram with the underlined phrases from Exercise 7.

verb + (pronoun) *of*

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| 1 _____ | 3 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ |

of

verb + noun/ adjective + *of*

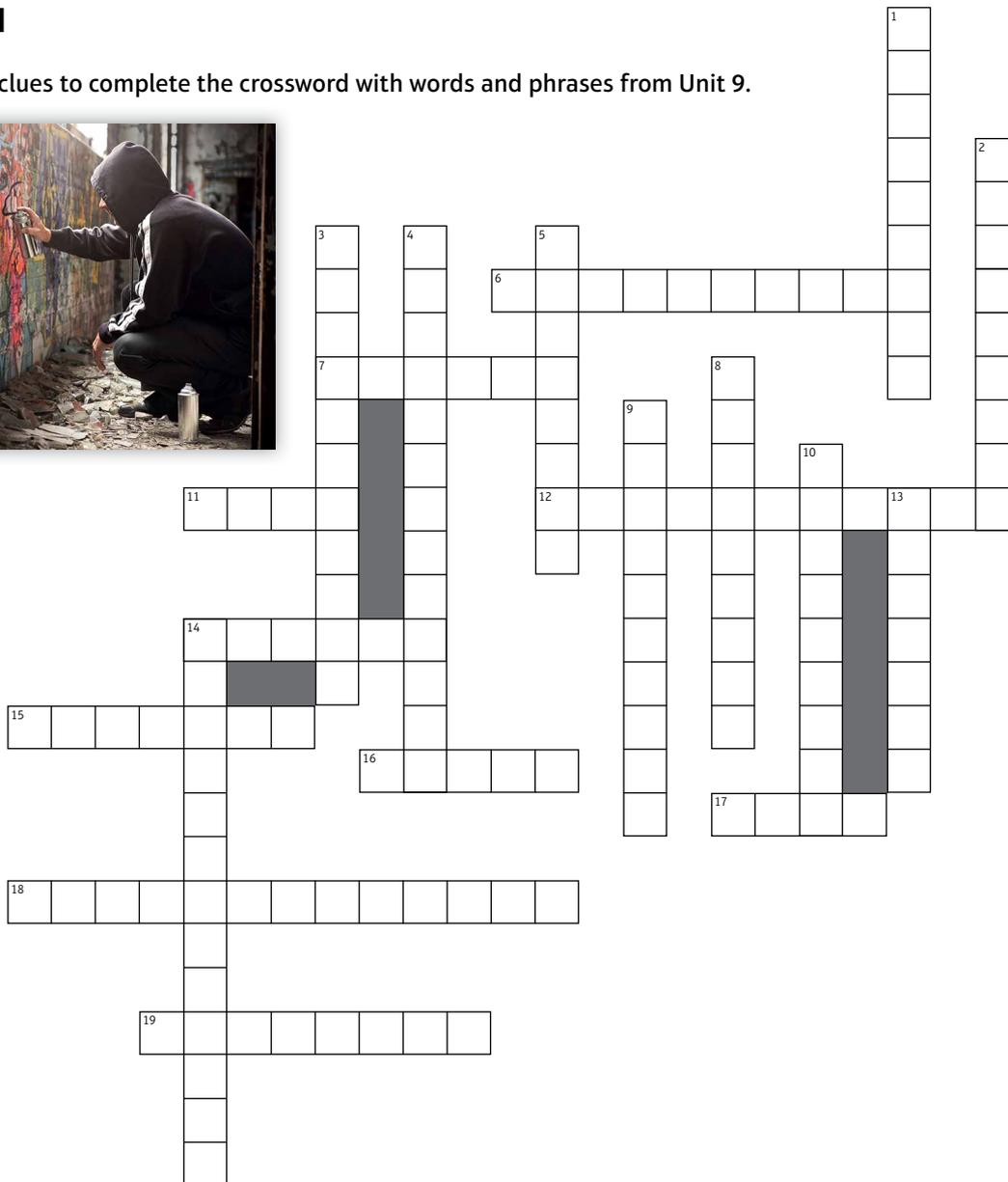
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| 5 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 6 _____ | 10 _____ |
| 7 _____ | 11 _____ |
| 8 _____ | 12 _____ |

9 Complete the sentences with the correct form of phrases from Exercise 8. More than one answer may be possible.

- 1 I don't like it when people _____ the way Susan talks. It's not kind.
- 2 Try not to make a _____ on the dance floor or everyone will laugh at you.
- 3 We should _____ the gym at the hotel whilst we're there.
- 4 I wish I could _____ the ants in the kitchen. They're everywhere!
- 5 Angie _____ Miki _____ taking the last pizza slice, but it was me!
- 6 If you're fed up with this mess, tidy it up. You can't _____ that. I won't be doing it!
- 7 We should _____ our visit to the beach and hire a boat.
- 8 I need to _____ the latest football video game. It looks great.
- 9 One of the men in my office is _____ stealing money.
- 10 Do you _____ any electrical shops around here?
- 11 We all _____ winning millions on the lottery one day.
- 12 We should _____ this great weather and have a picnic.

Crossword

10 Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 9.



Across

- 6** the crime of taking someone and asking for money for their return (10)
7 front part of a car. The engine sits under this. (6)
11 exchange (4)
12 hide from (7, 4)
14 swap one thing for another, e.g. a real item for a fake (6)
15 the crime of illegally paying someone money to do something for you (7)
16 take money that isn't yours (5)
17 rubber ring that fits around a wheel (4)
18 become unconscious after being hit (3,7,3)
19 T_____ a lovely gift from my parents, I've got a brand new car! (6, 2)

Down

- 1** one of two red lights at the back of a vehicle (4, 5)
2 deliberate damage of public places or property (9)
3 sign with numbers and letters on it at the back and front of a car (6, 5)
4 the crime of stealing someone's personal information to steal from them (8, 5)
5 take someone's attention away from something else (8)
8 I just s_____ a dog f_____ getting hit by a car. (5, 4)
9 He was b_____ f_____ the library for six months after shouting at the librarian. (6, 4)
10 Everyone b_____ me f_____ losing the match because I let in six goals. (6, 3)
13 go over the top of something in a vehicle (3,4)
14 circular object you use to control the direction of a car (8, 5)