

Crime wave!

Language focus

- Crime vocabulary
- Use of *ing* as a noun form
- Present continuous
- Present perfect

1 Introduction

Talk about a crime you recently heard or read about in the news.

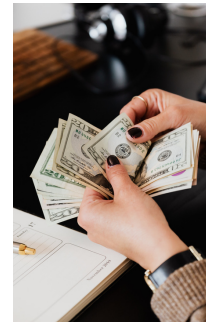
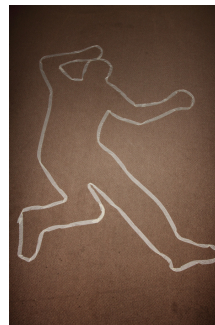
Do you know someone who was ever the victim of a crime? What happened?

Useful language

- *The other day, I read about ...*
- *In the newspaper it said that ...*
- *On the news they said that ...*



2 Use the pictures and the vocabulary below to talk about different types of crime.



burglary

fingerprint

hostage

rob

crime scene

pickpocket

bribery

steal



3 Crime and punishment

a) Discuss the different types of punishment that exist in your country.

b) When are the following appropriate?

- Life imprisonment
- Tagging
- The death penalty
- Community service
- Fines
- Talking to the victim and their family



4 Crimes and misdemeanors

Which of the following crimes are more serious? Which are less so? Do you think these crimes are justly punished in your country?

- Drug trafficking
- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Rape
- Hate speech
- Trolling
- Burglary
- Bank robbery
- Embezzlement
- Extortion
- Stalking

Useful language

- Some punishments are too **harsh** for crimes like ...
- The most **severe** punishment in my country is ...
- When a crime is considered relatively **trivial**, then ...
- Regulations are **lax** when it comes to ...
- The law can be **excessive** regarding ...
- A too **lenient** sentence can lead to ...

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Crime in the city

Discuss the most common crimes in your city or neighbourhood. Has crime there got worse?

Useful language

- *Crime in my neighbourhood is getting steadily worse.*
- *My street has actually become safer.*
- *Going out late at night is not always a good idea.*
- *I'm quite happy about living in this part of town.*
- *My landlord has put double locks on the doors.*

