

Activity Type

Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity

Focus

Crime vocabulary

Aim

To learn and practice the names of crimes.

Preparation

Make one copy of the character cards for each group of 12 and cut as indicated. Also, make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

35 minutes

Introduction

This crime role-play and worksheet helps students learn and practice the names of crimes.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of 12. Give each student in the group a character card and a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Tell the students that they are all criminals in a prison (inmates), and that they are going to take on the role of the criminal on their character card. Their task is to find out why the other people in their group are in prison by asking questions and completing a chart with the information.

Draw the students' attention to the chart on the first page of the worksheet and elicit the questions the students need to ask to find out the information:

What is your name?

Why are you in prison? or What crime did you commit?

Have the students write their own information in the chart to begin. Next, the students go around their group, asking and answering the questions and noting down the information in their charts.

When the students have finished, they move on to the second page of the worksheet and match each crime from a box with its definition.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. burglary | 5. robbery | 9. fraud |
| 2. shoplifting | 6. smuggling | 10. bribery |
| 3. tax evasion | 7. pickpocketing | 11. arson |
| 4. murder | 8. hijacking | 12. vandalism |

Finally, students write the name of the crime each person committed. Afterwards, review the correct answers with the class.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. arson | 5. pickpocketing | 9. tax evasion |
| 2. fraud | 6. shoplifting | 10. robbery |
| 3. hijacking | 7. bribery | 11. burglary |
| 4. vandalism | 8. smuggling | 12. murder |

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

**Nick Stuff**

You broke into someone's house and stole their television.

Pete Pyro

You set fire to your teacher's car because she gave you too much homework.

Eve Void

You didn't pay your taxes for 30 years.

Kevin Quickhands

You stole a tourist's wallet from their bag.

Terry Trigger

You held up a bank and told the bank teller to give you all the money in the safe.

Paul Pinchit

You stole a bag of crisps from a shop.

Sly Stealvote

You paid members of the public to vote for you in a recent election.

Simon Sneaky

You were caught trying to bring 100 ecstasy pills into the country in your shoes.

Danny Devioso

You collected money from the public, saying it was for charity, then kept it for yourself.

Anne Nutty

You killed someone because they were flirting with your boyfriend.

Micky Fan

On a flight to Spain, you pointed a gun at the pilot and told him to fly to Disneyland instead.

Dee Face

You smashed the windows of a parked car.

A. Talk to the other students in your group and find out why they are in prison.

Name	Reason for being in prison

B. Match each crime from the box with its definition below.

arson	burglary	hijacking	pickpocketing	smuggling	fraud
murder	bribery	tax evasion	shoplifting	robbery	vandalism

1. Stealing from someone's house.
2. Stealing from a shop.
3. Not declaring all your income.
4. Killing someone intentionally.
5. Taking something of value by force or threat of force.
6. Illegally transporting objects, substances, people, etc.
7. Stealing from a person's bag or pocket.
8. Taking control of a vehicle or plane during a journey by force.
9. Getting money by deceiving people.
10. Getting someone to do something for you by giving them money.
11. Intentionally setting fire to someone else's property.
12. Deliberately damaging public property.

C. Now, write the name of the crime each person committed.

1. Pete committed
2. Danny is guilty of
3. Micky is in jail for
4. Dee is in prison for
5. Kevin is in jail for
6. Paul was caught.....
7. Sly is guilty of
8. Simon was caught
9. Eve is in prison for
10. Terry is guilty of
11. Nick committed
12. Anne committed

