

## Activity Type

Vocabulary, Reading and Writing Exercises: word search, matching, table completion, gap-fill, writing and presenting a criminal plot, freer practice

## Focus

Crime vocabulary

## Aim

To practice nouns and verbs used to discuss common crimes.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Upper-intermediate (B2-C1)

## Time

45 minutes

## Introduction

This crime vocabulary worksheet helps students practice nouns and verbs used to discuss common crimes.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students find the names of ten crimes in a word search.

Exercise A - Answer key

T	R	A	F	F	I	C	K	I	N	G	
A		F	O	R	G	E	R	Y			M
R	K	I	D	N	A	P	P	I	N	G	U
S	H	O	P	L	I	F	T	I	N	G	R
O		A	S	S	A	U	L	T			D
N		R	O	B	B	E	R	Y			E
		B	U	R	G	L	A	R	Y		R
B	L	A	C	K	M	A	I	L			

Students then match the crimes to their definitions and write the noun (person) and verb form of each crime.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. blackmail, blackmailer, to blackmail
2. burglary, burglar, to burgle
3. assault, attacker, to assault
4. kidnapping, kidnapper, to kidnap
5. murder, murderer, to murder
6. robbery, robber, to rob
7. trafficking, trafficker, to traffic
8. shoplifting, shoplifter, to shoplift
9. forgery, forger, to forge
10. arson, arsonist, to commit arson

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Next, students use the vocabulary from Exercise B to complete two criminal plots.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. forger    | 5. assault  | 9. burglary |
| 2. blackmail | 6. forgery  | 10. forge   |
| 3. kidnapper | 7. shoplift |             |
| 4. robbery   | 8. arson    |             |

After that, students write an elaborate plot for a bank robbery using the crime vocabulary from the worksheet.

Exercise D - Example answer

First, I will hire a forger to make some gold that looks like the real thing. Then, I will burgle the bank manager's house to get the keys to the bank. Once I have those, I will blackmail the person with the safe code until they give it to me. On the night of the robbery, I will hire kidnappers to take the security guard's family until he turns off the cameras and leaves the bank. I will then enter the bank, exchange the real gold with the forged gold, and escape.

Finally, students present their plots to the class, who then vote on which plot would be the most likely to succeed.

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**A. Find the names of ten crimes in the word search.**



T	R	A	F	F	I	C	K	I	N	G	O
A	I	F	O	R	G	E	R	Y	Q	Z	M
R	K	I	D	N	A	P	P	I	N	G	U
S	H	O	P	L	I	F	T	I	N	G	R
O	M	A	S	S	A	U	L	T	G	A	D
N	G	R	O	B	B	E	R	Y	V	L	E
S	X	B	U	R	G	L	A	R	Y	S	R
B	L	A	C	K	M	A	I	L	I	D	J



**B. Match each crime from Exercise A to its definition. Then, complete the table with a corresponding noun (person) and verb for each crime.**

Definition	Crime	Noun (Person)	Verb
1. To ask for money or favours in return for not telling a secret.		blackmailer	
2. To illegally enter a building and steal something.			
3. To physically attack someone.		attacker	
4. To take a person and hold them captive.			to kidnap
5. To kill someone on purpose.			
6. To steal from a person or place using force.			
7. To buy and sell illegal goods, often drugs.			to traffic
8. To steal something from a store while pretending to shop.			
9. To illegally copy a document, a work of art, or money.			
10. To set something on fire on purpose.		arsonist	to commit arson

**C. Hugo Bayram and Shelley Eiderare are famous criminals. Complete the plans for their next crimes using the vocabulary from Exercise B. The first letter of each word is provided.**

Hugo Bayram plans to steal a Picasso from the Prado museum. First, he will hire a (1) f..... to make a perfect copy of the painting. Then, as the museum president is having an affair, he will (2) b..... him to leave the door unlocked. Next, he will hire a (3) k..... to take the security guard's daughter until he turns off the cameras. On the night of the (4) r....., Hugo will enter the Prado and (5) a..... anyone who gets in his way. He will find the painting, replace it with the (6) f....., and escape.

Shelley Eiderare's dream is to own a Porsche, and she's seen the perfect one at the local car dealership. First, she will go to the local party store and (7) s..... a mask, so no one will know it is her. Then, she will buy a lock-picking tool on the black market. One night, she will enter the dealership, hot-wire the car, drive it out, and commit (8) a....., burning down the building to cover her tracks. After the (9) b....., she will drive the car home and (10) f..... a new license plate, so no one will know the car was stolen.

**D. You are planning to rob a bank and steal all the gold from the safe. Write an elaborate plan for the robbery that ensures you don't get caught.**

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**E. Take turns presenting your plots to the class. Then, vote for the plot which you think would be the most likely to succeed.**