

CRIME	
Criminals	Crimes
	Noun
thief	theft
a pick-pocket	pickpocketing
shoplifter	shoplifting
burglar	burglary
mugger	mugging
robber	robbery
rapist	rape
arsonist	arson
murderer	murder
kidnapper	kidnapping
hijacker	hijacking
blackmailer	blackmailing
assassin	assassination
terrorist	terrorism
spy	spying
smuggler	smuggling
trafficker	trafficking
forgery	forgery
briber	bribery
vandal	vandalism
hooligan/rowdy	hooliganism
	Verb
	steal
	pick sb. pocket
	shoplift
	burgle
	mug
	rob
	rape
	set fire to
	murder
	kidnap
	hijack
	blackmail
	assassinate
	terrorize
	spy
	smuggle
	traffic in
	forgery
	bribe
	vandalize
	hooligenize

Exercise:

A/ There are some definitions of the crimes. How do we call the criminals that commit these crimes?

- someone who deliberately starts a fire in order to destroy a building
- someone who gets money by threatening to reveal secrets or other things people don't want other people to know about
- someone who kills politicians and other important people for political motives or for money
- a man who forces a woman to have sex with him

B/ How do we call the crime that each of these criminals commits?

C/ Now write out definitions of the 4 criminals that have not been explained yet.

PRACTICE 1

Complete this true story with a past tense form of the verb in brackets.

Crime busters

In July 1983, four West London criminals _____ (make) plans to rob the manager of a laundry as he _____ (leave) the bank with a box full of staff wages. However, someone _____ (tell) the police before the robbery and the police _____ (make) plans to catch the thieves.

The day of the robbery _____ (come). The laundry manager _____ (collect) an empty box while the police and the robbers _____ (wait) outside the bank. As he _____ (step) through the door, everybody _____ (be) about to act, when another thief _____ (run) out of a doorway and _____ (snatch) the box. The lone thief _____ (disappear) before anybody _____ (move).

Improve your wordpower

1 Work in pairs. See how many of the words you know.

Crimes and criminals

Verb

The person

who does it

steal thief
rob robber
mug mugger
burgle burglar
murder murderer
kidnap kidnapper

The crime

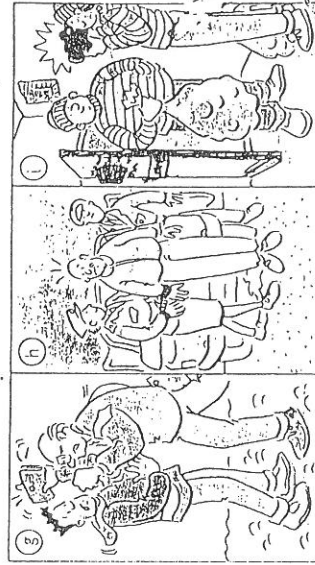
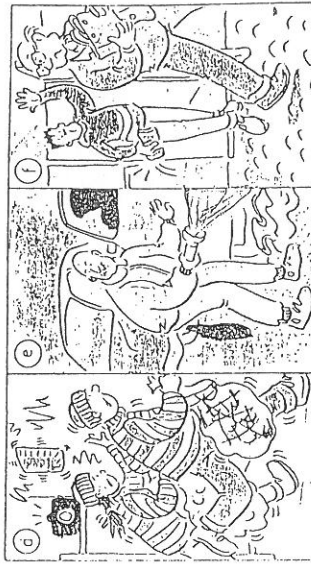
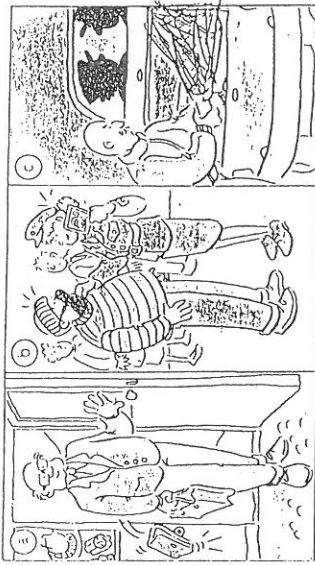
theft
robbery
mugging
burglary
murder
kidnapping

2 Complete these sentences with a word from the Crimes and criminals table.

- A _____ is a person who steals, especially secretly and without violence.
- A _____ is person who enters a building illegally, especially by force, in order to steal.
- A _____ is a person who has taken someone away by force and is demanding money from her/his family, employers or government.
- A _____ is a person who steals money or property from a bank, shop, train, etc. Often she/he uses force.
- A _____ is a person who attacks and robs someone violently, usually in the street.
- A _____ is a person who deliberately and unlawfully kills another human being.

PRACTICE 2

1 Look at these pictures in pairs. They illustrate three more of the stories in Criminal Records. Arrange the pictures in order and decide how to tell the stories using past tense forms, including the past perfect.



2 Now look through a newspaper in your language. Find the section which has summaries of recent crimes and decide on a story that appeals to you. Produce an English language version of the same story.