

Crime and punishment

Listening A

Think about the topic

Work with a partner and discuss the following questions.

- 1 What makes people commit crimes?
- 2 Should all police officers carry guns? Why? / Why not?
- 3 Would you enjoy serving on a jury? Why? / Why not?

Before you listen

Match the words and phrases (1–10 and a–i) to make common word combinations. Two items in the column on the left can go with one of the phrases a–i. Use a dictionary to check the meanings if necessary.

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| 1 to commit | a on the run |
| 2 to go | b a crime or an offence |
| 3 to be sought | c of theft |
| 4 to restrain | d for questioning |
| 5 to be arrested | e a violent suspect |
| 6 to be accused | f a sentence |
| 7 to be alleged | g to have stolen a diamond ring |
| 8 to be convicted | h a criminal record |
| 9 to serve | i for fraud |
| 10 to have | |

Listening 1

You will hear an extract from a news bulletin about the use of CS spray by the British police. For questions 1–2, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 1 What differentiates the British police from police in most other countries?
 - A They carry firearms only in special circumstances.
 - B They use short sticks known as truncheons.
 - C They use CS spray if suspects resist arrest.
- 2 What is the police's view of CS spray?
 - A It is perfectly safe.
 - B It is the only viable alternative to guns.
 - C Its use has prevented deaths during arrests.

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Listening 2

a You will hear a news bulletin about a mother and son who are both criminals. For questions 1–7, complete the sentences with one or two words, or a short phrase.

The mother and son team were caught while attempting to carry out an act of **1** _____.

The police found a passport belonging to a missing woman in the suspects' **2** _____.

They were also carrying a gun, several suspicious documents and a large quantity of **3** _____ in a stolen car.

The pair are thought to have **4** _____ and possibly murdered several of the people named in the documents.

Police in Las Vegas suspect the mother and son of having burnt down a house in order to make a false **5** _____ claim.

Various police forces had **6** _____ the pair's movements, but had been unable to catch them.

The woman had spent time in prison after being **7** _____ of enslavement.

b Now listen again and check, complete or amend your answers.

Listening 3 Exam task, Part 3

a You will hear a radio programme about the use of closed circuit televisions (CCTVs).

For questions 1–5, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 1 The reporter thinks that
 - A a novelist's predictions are coming true.
 - B her every move is being watched.
 - C all public places should have CCTVs.
 - D the authorities are watching people by means of hidden cameras.
- 2 Norman Clark thinks that CCTV is
 - A effective in preventing crime.
 - B effective in detecting crime.
 - C ineffective in preventing and detecting crime.
 - D less effective than is generally believed.
- 3 Research done on CCTV use shows that
 - A the cameras watch people who are not criminals.
 - B the resulting tapes are inadequately monitored.
 - C very few arrests are made as a result of recording people.
 - D professional criminals know how to avoid the cameras.
- 4 The reporter thinks that the use of CCTV
 - A saves money for the police.
 - B leads to blackmail.
 - C provides useful evidence for use in trials.
 - D should be controlled by law.
- 5 In general, the reporter's attitude to the way CCTV is used is
 - A angry.
 - B neutral.
 - C concerned.
 - D paranoid.

b Now listen again and check, complete or amend your answers.