

# Crime

## Activity 1

What happens when someone commits a crime? Put the following activities in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

- The convict is released on parole  
1. *The criminal commits a crime*  
The criminal goes to court  
The criminal goes to prison  
The criminal is released on bail  
The judge passes sentence  
The jury finds the suspect guilty  
The jury listens to the evidence  
The jury reaches a verdict  
The police arrest the suspect  
The police charge the criminal  
The police investigate  
The trial starts

## Activity 2

Put the following words into the correct column, depending on which syllable is stressed. Look at the examples first.

police arrest commit jury verdict prison parole suspect (n) suspect (vb)  
release convict (n) convict (vb) guilty justice

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## Activity 3

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Have you ever witnessed a crime? Do you know anyone who has been the victim of a crime?
2. What do you think of the police, the courts and the prisons in your country? What do you think should be done to improve them?
3. Do you think there is more crime than in the past or less? Why? What do you think will happen in the future?
4. Should police officers be paid more? Would higher salaries discourage corruption in the police?
5. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of being a police officer?
6. What punishments, apart from imprisonment, are carried out in your country?
7. How should young offenders be dealt with? Should they be sent to prison?
8. What do you think about the death penalty?
9. If you found out that a member of your family had committed a crime, what would you do?
10. Would you like to be a police officer? Why/not?

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### **Activity 4**

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Who were the Bow Street Runners?
2. In which year did Sir Robert Peel set up the London Metropolitan Police Force?
3. Why are the police in Britain sometimes called Bobbies?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

### **Activity 5**

#### **'Should young criminals (under 18) be sent to prison?'**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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