Crime and justice

1 Complete the sentences with the correct bold words.

If you break the law, you might have to go to court.

1 After Jack was given his sentence, he had to spend six months in prison.

2 If someone breaks a crime, they shouldn’t be allowed to get away with it.

3 Two of the offenders went to prison, but one woman got away with doing community service.

4 The judge sentenced the offender by ordering him to pay a fine.

5 The witness was frightened of going to court in case she wasn’t treated fairly.

2 Complete the verbs and nouns in the sentences.

The offender attacked an old woman who lived alone.

1 The judge decided that he should do something.

2 The witness described what she’d seen during the robbery.

3 The police arrested her because she’d broken the law.

4 He was caught speeding and had to pay a fine.

5 It’s important for judges to treat everybody fairly.

Idioms

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the idioms in the list.

be above board catch someone red handed face the music get to the bottom of
keep your nose clean step out of line

Three years ago, Alan was caught red handed selling stolen products. The judge sent him to prison. The police, who believed that there were more people involved, were determined to find out where the criminals might be hiding.

However, Alan realized that it was time to stand up to his bullies. He left prison knowing that, if he interfered, he might be back in there very soon. He made the decision to own up to what he’d done and accept his punishment.

He retrained as a gardener and now works in a local park.

4 Replace the underlined verbs with the phrasal verbs in the list.

bring in catch someone red handed face the music get to the bottom of
let on make a discovery set you up stamp out stand up to

It was brave of you to confront your bullies. Stand up to them.

1 There’s no chance of getting your money back. The company has tricked you.

2 Abigail revealed that her cousin had been caught shoplifting.

3 The police are determined to discover where the criminals might be hiding.

4 I know you stole my money. When are you going to admit it?

5 The police and local council are working very hard to stop crime in this area.

6 I think the government should introduce tougher punishments for offenders.

Noun suffixes

5 Complete the sentences with nouns formed with the verbs in A and the suffixes in B.

A disturb enquire enter imprison interfere offend

B -ance -ence -ence -ment -y

The teenagers ignored the sign saying ‘No entry’.

1 I realize that the music at our party was too loud, so I’d like to apologize for any noise we caused.

2 The judge sentenced the offender to two years of imprisonment.

3 Please don’t tell the neighbours what happened. I don’t want any gossip from them right now.

4 Thank you for your good advice, Mr Brown, but we haven’t got any information at the moment.

5 Did you know that posting that message on Facebook might be a criminal offence?

6 Correct the underlined mistakes in the sentences.

Following the discovery of the body, the police are now investigating his death.

1 Despite the establishment of a new scheme to monitor crime levels, the number of offences has continued to increase.

2 Scientists will need to carry out a full examination of the area to discover what happened.

3 Due to contamination of the evidence, it can no longer be used.

4 During the trial, several witnesses were asked to give evidence.