



Crime and punishment vocabulary

1. Match the words with their synonyms.

1.	prison	a)	death penalty
2.	prisoners	b)	imprisonment
3.	incarceration	c)	jail
4.	capital punishment	d)	lawbreakers
5.	offenders	e)	inmates

2. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words from the list.

- law-abiding
- unlawful
- re-offend
- rehabilitation
- jury
- petty crime
- crackdown
- mitigating factor
- aggravating factor
- major crime
- solitary confinement
- misdemeanour
- plead guilty



- It is _____ for a teacher to impose corporal punishment on pupils in Australia. Corporal punishment was abolished in schools in 1997.
- The government has ordered a _____ on drink-driving, so there are more random roadside breath tests.
- All schools should make it their priority to teach students to be _____ citizens.
- Sadly, a lot of prisoners _____ as soon as they leave jail, unless a lot of effort is put into their _____.
- It was considered a/an _____ the fact that he carried out the assault while being under the influence of alcohol.
- _____ is believed to prevent violence among inmates.
- In some countries, theft is considered a _____, punishable only by a fine.
- Murder is considered a _____ and is tried in the Crown Court in the UK.
- The _____ is a group of usually 12 randomly chosen people whose job is to deliver an impartial verdict based on the evidence they hear.
- The player can suspect a heavy fine for his latest _____ of abusing another footballer.
- The judge took into account the fact that the offender _____ and showed regret for his wrongdoing. Also, the offender being in huge mental distress while committing the act of vandalism was considered a/an _____.



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3. Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

1. It is _____ the law to kill animals that are threatened by extinction.
2. The offender has been released _____ bail. His parents paid \$30,000 for his release.
3. He was originally accused _____ manslaughter. After the investigation he was actually charged _____ murder and sentenced _____ 21 years in prison.
4. In the USA prisoners must serve a certain prison sentence before they can be released _____ parole.
5. No weapon was found _____ the scene of the crime.
6. When police failed to arrest the suspect, local people took the law _____ their own hands and beat him up.
7. She killed her husband _____ cold blood.
8. No one is _____ the law, although some political leaders seem to think they are, doing as they please, regardless of the legislation.
9. He was released _____ prison after serving 10 years.
10. He had spent 3 years _____ bars before new evidence was presented proving his innocence.

4. Match the crimes with their definitions.

In your opinion, are they serious offences or not? How should they be punished?

Crime		Definition	
1.	jaywalking	a)	repeated following/watching and/or harassing another person
2.	joyriding	b)	dropping rubbish where you shouldn't
3.	plagiarism	c)	crossing a road where the regulations do not allow it
4.	stalking	d)	presenting other people's work or ideas as your own
5.	littering	e)	sending offensive or threatening messages using electronic means
6.	cyber bullying	f)	driving fast and dangerously in a stolen car for enjoyment

5. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words.

1. The jury found the _____ not guilty.
2. Barker's _____ (a formal statement saying that something is true) is crucial to the prosecution's case.
3. The police _____ all the witnesses of the accident.
4. A: How do you _____?
B: Not guilty.
5. Witnesses are required to take the _____ in court, meaning they make a promise to tell only the truth.
6. Because the evidence was _____ and his guilt was proven beyond any doubt, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison.
7. The marks on his neck made them believe he was _____, possibly with a belt or rope.
8. After betraying his own country, the _____ was executed.
9. He was caught speeding and tried to offer the policemen a _____ to let him go, which made matters even worse.
10. The police found no _____ at the scene of the crime.