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Crime and punishment vocabulary – answer key

1. Match the words with their synonyms.

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

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

1. unlawful
2. crackdown
3. law-abiding
4. re-offend, rehabilitation
5. aggravating factor
6. solitary confinement
7. petty crime
8. major crime
9. jury
10. misdemeanour
11. pleaded guilty, mitigating factor

3. Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

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



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4. Match the crimes with their definitions.

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

5. Fill in the gaps with appropriate words.

1. the defendant/the accused
2. testimony
3. questioned
4. plead
5. oath
6. compelling/irrefutable
7. strangled
8. traitor
9. a bribe
10. clues