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**ENGLISH COURSE – ENGLISH FOR  
SPECIFIC PURPOSES**



# 11 Crimes: Pickpocket

## **Get ready!**

**1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1 Are pickpockets common in your country?
- 2 How does law enforcement address pickpocketing in your country?

awareness



valuables

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## Wave of Thefts Worries Locals

Last summer, Lakeland residents reported only two criminal acts. This year, twelve thefts were reported in June alone. "I felt someone **bump into** me and my **purse** was gone," local woman Shirley Andrews explains. "He got my wallet and other **personal items**. I didn't even see him."

Sheriff Bill Grady shared his thoughts with us. "The police will do what they can. But people need to **protect** themselves from being **victimized**." So, what does Sheriff Grady suggest? "**Awareness** is important. **Pickpockets** work together to create distractions and then take advantage." Fortunately, Grady points out, pickpockets are not typically violent. "Just leave your **valuables** at home," Grady says. "Lakeland is still a safe place."

Were you a victim of pickpocketing?  
Share your story with the Lakeland Gazette.

Call (583) 555-2969.

WAVE – talas

WORRY – brinuti, zabrinjavati

LOCAL – lokalno stanovništvo

LICENCE PLATE – registarske  
tablice

RESIDENT – stanovnik

ACT – djelo

BUMP INTO – naletjeti na nekoga

PERSONAL ITEMS – lične stvari

PROTECT – zaštititi

VICTIMIZE – postati žrtva

AWARNESS – svijest, svjesnost

PICKPOCKET – džeparoš

DISTRACTION – pometnja,  
ometanje

TAKE ADVANTAGE – iskoristiti  
priliku

FORTUNATELY – na sreću, srećom

POINT OUT – istaći

VALUABLES – dragocjenosti,  
vrijednosti

# **12** Crimes: **Hotel room theft**



**1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1 What are some ways that people steal other people's items?
- 2 How do people avoid losing valuable items while traveling?



forced entry



room key

hotel



staff



thief

Get ready!





# POLICE REPORT

Report Number: 0007133712

Incident Type: Hotel Room Theft

Officer: James LeBlanc

I answered a **burglary** call at the Simpson Hotel at 9:00 PM on December 3. The hotel manager reported that someone **had broken into** several guest rooms. There were no signs of **forced entry**. The **thief** likely had **room keys** for each room. The hotel **safe** appears damaged. However, nothing is missing. The thief **robbed staff** members' lockers as well. No guests or employees reported seeing anything unusual. The hotel does not have a security camera, so there is no **suspect** at this time.

THEFT – krađa

OFFICER – službenik

BURGLARY – provala

BREAK INTO – provaliti

FORCED ENTRY –

nasilan ulazak

LIKELY – najvjerojatnije

HOWEVER - međutim

STAFF – osoblje, kadar

## **Get ready!**

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1 What are some valuable items that people often carry?
- 2 How can people avoid being robbed?



# POLICE REPORT

On January 17 at 1:00 AM, I answered a call to 112 4th Street about a **robbery**.

I spoke to the victim, Rosa Hernandez. She stated that a tall man **approached** her in an alley and **mugged** her. The thief **came up** behind Hernandez and held her at **knifepoint**. The thief then **demanded** all of her valuable items. He **threatened** to harm Hernandez unless she cooperated.

Hernandez dropped her **cash** and wedding **ring** on the ground. The thief **stole** the items and then ran to the street.

Hernandez did not see the attacker's face clearly.

APPROACH – prići, prilaziti  
VICTIM – žrtva  
ALLEY – uska uličica,  
prolaz  
KNIFEPOINT – uperiti nož,  
prijetiti nožem  
DEMAND – zahtjevati  
VALUABLE ITEMS –  
vrijedne stvari,  
dragocjenosti, vrijednosti  
THREATEN – prijetiti  
HARM - povrijediti, nanijeti  
štetu  
UNLESS – ako ne  
DROP – ispustiti, baciti  
CLEARLY – jasno

# 14 Crimes: Taxi fraud

# Get ready!

**1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1 What are the dangers of traveling by unlicensed taxi?
- 2 How do people find safe taxis in your country?





When traveling, take precautions to avoid transportation **fraud**. This is especially important when traveling by taxi. Most taxis are safe, but you must be careful. Some criminals drive **unlicensed** taxis. In most cases, the driver simply **charges** passengers an unreasonable **fare** to leave the **cab**. Others steal passengers' **luggage**. The worst will **kidnap** passengers and charge money for their release.

You can take steps to prevent being targeted. Legitimate taxis have **licensed** drivers who follow **regulations**. How can you tell if your driver is licensed? Make sure your driver has an **ID badge**. The badge shows the driver's name, photograph and company information. You can contact the company if the driver overcharges you.

SURCHARGE – doplata

PRECAUTION – oprez, predostrožnost

AVOID – izbjeći

FRAUD – prevara

SAFE – bezbjedan

UNLICENCED – neregistrovan

CHARGE – naplatiti

FARE – cijena vožnje

CAB – taksi

LUGGAGE – prtljag

RELEASE – oslobađanje

PREVENT – spriječiti

LEGITIMATE – zakonit, legitiman

REGULATION – propis

ID BADGE – oznaka, znak

OVERCHARGE – naplatiti previsoku cijenu



*That's all Folks!*

**THANKYOU!**

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