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# ENGLISH COURSE – ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

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# **CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

CRIMES

## 1. Murder

Unlawfully and deliberately killing someone

### 3. Burglary

To enter a building, often while no one is in it, and steal money or objects

## 2. Kidnapping

Taking somebody by and demanding money or conditions to free that person

# 4. Mugging

To take something by force from someone, often in the street

# 5. Pickpocketing

To steal from someone's pocket etc, without them realizing  Arson To set fire to a building illegally.  Rape To violently attack a person sexually.

#### 8. Hijacking

To use force to take control of a plane, ship, train, etc.

#### 10. Theft

Stealing-usually secretly and without violence

#### 12. Smuggling

To bring illegal goods, like drugs, into a country or to bring goods into a country without paying taxes.

#### 9. Fraud

To deceive or cheat someone to get money

#### 11. Manslaughter

Killing someone by accident through a careless or dangerous act

#### 13. Shoplifting

To steal things while pretending to shop

#### Here are some of the sentences possible in an English court.

Sentence	What does it mean?
Community Service	You have to d a period (eg.100 hrs) of unpaid work in hospitals/old people's homes
Fines	You pay money to the court
Probation	You have to stay out of trouble. Once a week you visit A "probation officer", who asks about your behavior
Suspended Prison sentence	You don't go to prison immediately, eg. "a six-month sentence suspended for one year" means if you behave Well for one year, you are free. If you do something Wrong, you go to prison for six months.
Prison	You go for a fixed period (ranging from a very short Period to "life."

## 10 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE LIFE IMPRISONMENT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT (DEATH PENALTY)

In Court

You are a judge. You must decide how long to send the accused to prison for. The minimum is three months. The maximum is a real life sentence. You can also acquit.

- Case 1 The accused is a prisoner of war. Your country has just defeated His. He was a pilot. He dropped an atom bomb on your tenth Largest city, killing 200,000 people and injuring many more.
- Case 2 The accused is a doctor. He gave an overdose to an 85-year-old Painter who had terminal cancer. The painter had asked for the Overdose. The painter's family accuse the doctor of murder.
- Case 3 The accused found her husband in their bed with another woman. She took the bread knife and killed him.
- Case 4 This man is a well-known leader of a radical organization. He was Recently tried for possessing one marijuana cigarette and Sentenced to ten years in prison. He is appealing the decision.
- Case 5 This factory owner is on trial for cruel and inhuman treatment. The Workers in his factory had a sit-down strike to protest against low Wages. The owner set rats loose in the factory. The workers killed All the rats and no one was hurt.
- Case 6 This woman was given thalidomide while she was pregnant. She Gave birth to a baby without arms and legs. When it was two Months old, she smothered it while it was sleeping.
- Case 7 a. These three teenage boys were having a fight with a fourth boy Near a swimming pool. They threw him in the water and then stood On him till he drowned.

b. These five adults were sitting not far from the pool and watched the fight. They did nothing and are accused of complicity.



Now look at these cases. If you were a judge, what sentence would you give to these people? Choose from the chart, give full details (eg. A \$100,000 fine/3 years in prison/one year probation).

- 18-year-old Miranda worked in a shoe-shop. She lost her job when she stole \$92 from the shop.
- Nigel is 38. He drank a bottle of wine and then drove home. He had a car accident and killed a 13-year-old boy.
- Kevin, 15, was caught traveling on the train without a ticket. The correct ticket would have cost \$1.75.
- Stacey, aged 22, was caught selling marijuana at a disco. At her flat about 50 grams of the drug was found. (value/ around \$250).
- Dean, 17, broke the window of a new Mercedes and stole a mobile phone and four CD's.
- Samira is 32. She killed her husband wit a knife while he was asleep. He had been very cruel and violent with her for more than 10 years, and he often had girlfriends.

Please complete the following sentences using the following prepositions. Some of them can be used more than once.

under, into, on, against, as, of, from, in, to

The police officer informed the suspect that he was.....arrest. Witness must give evidence.....oath.

He argued that he had committed the crime.....duress.

The parties entered.....a distribution agreement.

The company discriminated.....its women employees in relation to their salary.

The court served the judgment.....the parties.

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The witness claimed that his life was......danger.

The court awarded the defendant £5000 ......damages.

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The court served the judgment TO the parties.

The Mafia try to extort money FROM local shops and businesses.

The witness claimed that his life was IN danger.

The court awarded the defendant £5000 IN damages.

Suspected football hooligans can be prohibited FROM leaving the country to watch football matches abroad.

to accuse someone of a crime to acquit an accused person of charge to acquit sb of something/to clear sb of something

to argue for or against someone in trial

to be a party to a court case

to be in dispute with someone

to be subject to torture, unfair treatment etc.

to be under/on oath

to charge somebody with something

to discriminate against someone

to find somebody guilty of something/to convict somebody of something

to preside over a case

to prosecute somebody for something

to reach/pass verdict on an accused person

to release sb from prison/jail

to sentence sb to a punishment - what the judge does after the verdict of guilty to sentence/send sb to prison - to punish someone by putting them in prison to try somebody for something

# MORE WORDS RELATED TO CRIME

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a crime/an offence = a criminal act
alibi
appeal = a request for a new hearing
armed robbery = a robbery in which the robber is armed
with a dangerous weapon
arson = setting fire to a building on purpose
assault = sudden, violent attack
be tried - to have a case judged in court
blackmail = to force somebody to give you money, etc.
to stop you telling a secret about them or other people
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- charge someone with murder bring someone to court commit/perpetrate a crime/offence
- conspiracy = an agreement between two or more
- persons to commit a crime, a plot
- cross-examine = to ask somebody a lot of questions to find out the truth
- defend/prosecute someone in court
- dock = place where the accused is sitting/standing drug trafficking = dealing or trading in something illegal fine someone a sum of money - to punish someone by making them pay
- forgery = to make a copy of something to deceive people

- perpetrator someone who committed a crime plead guilty/not guilty - to swear in court that one is guilty or otherwise
- rape = to force someone to have sex
- release someone from prison/jail set someone free after a prison sentence
- sentence = a punishment given by a judge
- slander = to say something that is untrue about somebody so that other people will have a bad opinion of them to bail somebody out
- Libel to write something untrue and insulting about smb trial - the legal process in court whereby an accused person is investigated, or tried, and then found guilty or not guilty verdict - the decision: guilty or not guilty by jury



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