

# CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Why do people commit crimes? Do you know anyone who has committed a crime? How did they pay for it?

## DEFINITION

A **crime** is a serious act against the law.

A **punishment** is something that is done to a person who has committed a crime.

Picture: Lady Justice (Roman Goddess of Justice) wearing a blindfold, carrying balance scales and a sword that is facing down.



In relation to the topic, have you any idea what these three things represent?

## WARM-UP

Look at the pictures below. Can you identify and explain how each are related to the topic?



## VOCABULARY:

### Types of Crime:

**abduction/kidnapping** - the crime of forcibly taking a person to an undisclosed location

**burglary** - the crime of forcibly breaking into people's homes or offices

**arson** - the intentional act of setting a place on fire

**murder** - the crime of killing a person

**child abuse** - the crime of intentionally inflicting injury to a child

**domestic violence** - the crime of physically attacking someone in the home; especially members of the family

**fraud** - the crime of cheating people usually for monetary intentions

**drunk driving** - the crime of driving while intoxicated (with alcohol)

### Types of Punishment:

**license suspension** - a driver's right to driving is taken for a period of time; often after paying a fine

**community service** - someone who has violated the law, especially a youth, does volunteer work

**jail time** - an offender spends a specified period of time in jail

**life in prison** - an offender spends the rest of their life in prison without parole

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## PRACTICE 1

Identify the type of crime committed in each situation.

1. A man stabs a lady and kills her. \_\_\_\_\_
2. A lamp was tipped on purpose and sets the house on fire. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A drunken driver hits and kills a 40-year-old man. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A mother of three repeatedly hits her children with a leather belt every time they disobey her. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A stranger calls an old woman and tells her that she has won a prize amounting to a million dollars but has to pay a separate amount first to get the prize. \_\_\_\_\_

What corresponding punishment(s) does the government of your country give for each type of crime mentioned above?

## LANGUAGE POINT

THERE, THEIR, or THEY'RE			
	THERE	THEIR	THEY'RE
USE	1. To indicate a place. 2. To express that something exists or is true using the structure: <u>there + verb "be" (am/are/is)</u> 3. To say or refer to something for the first time.	To indicate possession. This is a Possessive Adjective and is followed by a noun. <u>their + noun</u>	This is the contraction of the pronoun "they" and the BE verb "are". <u>they + are = they're</u>
EXAMPLE	1. The big fire is over <u>there</u> by that building. 2. <u>There is</u> a thrift shop right across the park. 3. <u>There</u> are about 10 athletes competing in the race.	None of them spoke against the company since <u>they</u> were all afraid of losing <u>their jobs</u> .	These are Mr and Mrs Smith and <u>they're</u> here to talk about their experience on family therapy.

## PRACTICE 2

Fill in the gaps with the words THERE, THEIR and THEY'RE appropriately.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the VIPs we're supposed to meet this morning.
2. Once upon a time, \_\_\_\_\_ was a little boy who lived on a planet which was just a tad bigger than himself.
3. The parents were all proud of \_\_\_\_\_ children's accomplishments.

## SPEAKING

With all the advancements in technology nowadays, how can crimes be prevented?

Which type of crime do you think is the worst? What type of punishment do you think is appropriate?

If you were given the chance to suggest a type of punishment that has never been thought of before, what would it be?