

Past and present crime vocabulary and speaking
Crime vocabulary/ history vocabulary/ past modals

Decide if each section below is mainly connected to crime and punishment in the past or the present:

A

Banditry
Pillaging
Usury

Piracy
Slave revolts
Apostasy

Sheep rustling
Witchcraft
Horse theft

B

White collar crime
Shoplifting
Sexual harassment

Hacking
Human trafficking

Phishing scams
Suicide bombing

C

Stocks
Witch trials
The Inquisition

Beheading
Ordeal
Heresy

The rack
Ducking stool
Banishment

D

Electric chair
Pathologist
Community service
Speed camera

Lie detector
Electronic tagging
DNA analysis
CCTV

CSI
Open prison
Breathalyser

E

Outlaw
Buccaneer
Rum smuggler

Mobster
Runaway slave
Highwayman

Poacher
Adulterer

F

Branding
Impaling
chambers
Lynch mob
Transportation

Excommunication
Burning at the stake
Whipping
Guillotine

Crucifixion
Torture
Pillory

Which sections are crimes, which are criminals and which sections are connected to crime detection and punishments?

What are the names for the criminals who do the crimes in the crime sections?

Discussion

Are any of the crimes or punishments in the past sections still relevant to the present?

Do you think any of the punishments and crimes from history that don't exist in your country anymore should be reinstated?

Which ones have been connected to films or TV programmes?

Crazy laws

Discuss with your partner if you think the rules below are present rules or only in the past, using phrases like those on the previous page to express how sure you are of your ideas

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Europe/ dead bodies/ criminals/ hung up in public

York/ legal/ murder a Scotsman if/ carry/ bow and arrow

In Europe animals/ put on trial

Scandinavia/ trial by combat

Germany/ jury/ all freeborn men

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France/ forbidden/ call/ pig Napoleon

Rome / all witnesses/ male

UK/ nagging woman/ ducked in water

Toronto/ illegal/ ride/ streetcar/ eating garlic

Look below the fold for the answers and make whole sentences for any you got wrong or couldn't guess.

Answers

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In Europe animals/ put on trial- past

Scandinavia/ trial by combat- past

Germany/ jury/ all freeborn men- past

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France/ forbidden/ call/ pig Napoleon- present

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Toronto/ illegal/ ride/ streetcar/ eating garlic- present