

Crime vocabulary storytelling game Updated 16 January 2018

Teacher's instructions

Cut up the cards below and give them out to groups of between two and four students. Students spread the cards out face up on the table and take turns choosing one of the cards to add to their story. The cards must be placed in the order they use them, but they can use the Past Perfect to add them to earlier in the story if they like. The aim is to use as many cards as they can while making a real story with a proper beginning, middle and end.

accomplice	alibi	(burglar/ car/ personal/ rape) alarm
arms/ armed/ (deadly/ illegal) weapon	(false/ under) arrest	(out on/ detention without) bail
break (into/ out of)	(CCTV/ security) camera	catch (red handed/ on film)
(police/ prison) cell	(car) chase	confess/ confession
convict/ (previous) conviction	(high/ supreme) court (case)	defence
destroy	(private/ plain clothes) detective	(DNA) evidence/ clue
fake/ forgery	getaway/ run away/ escape	(not) guilty – innocent
(shot/ hand/ replica) gun	handcuffs	hide (out)/ bury
inform/ informer	judge	jury

lawyer/ attorney/ barrister	lie	loot
mask/ disguise	motive	plan
plea/ plead	police officer	(foot/ finger)print
(open/ top security) prison (= jail/ gaol)	prosecute/ prosecutor/ prosecution	(capital/ corporal) punishment
release	(prison/ suspended/ 5-year/ death) sentence	(blood) stains
suspect	(death) threat	tip (off)
(mis-)trial	will/ last will and testament	(eye) witness

Vocabulary brainstorming

Without looking at the words from the previous game again yet, put any suitable vocabulary you can think of into these categories:

Evidence/ Clues

Things criminals use

Things policemen use

Things criminals do

Things policemen do

Other people related to crime

Places related to crime

Punishments

Look at the cards from the previous game again to help you. Then check your answers against the answer key on the next page. Did you think of anything that is not on that list?

Crime vocabulary word formation

abuse
arson
banish
blood
bribe
burglar
compensate
crime
decapitate
detect
discriminate
enforce
evade
evidence
exploit
forge
fraud
guilt
harass
incarcerate
inform
infringe
innocent
investigate
legal
mug
pirate
plea
prison
prosecute
prostitute
restore
rob
shoplift
slander
slave
smuggle
squat
stalk
terror
threat
trespass
trial
vagrant
vandal

Suggested answers

abuse – abuser/ abusive
arson – arsonist
banish – banishment
blood – bloody
bribe – bribery
burglar – burglary/ burglarise
compensate – compensation/ compensatory
crime – criminal/ criminalise/ decriminalise
decapitate – decapitation
detect – detector/ detective
discriminate – discriminatory/ discrimination
enforce – enforcement
evade – evasive/ evasion
evidence – evident
exploit – exploitation/ exploitative
forge – forgery/ forger
fraud – fraudster/ defraud/ fraudulent
guilt – guilty/ guiltiness
harass – harassment/ harasser
incarcerate – incarceration
inform – informer/ informant
infringe – infringement
innocent – innocence
investigate – investigator/ investigation
legal – legality/ illegal/ illegality/ legalise
mug – mugging/ mugger
pirate – piracy
plea – plead
possess – possession/ possessor
prison – imprison/ prisoner
prosecute – prosecution/ prosecutor
prostitute – prostitution
restore – restorative/ restoration
rob – robber/ robbery
shoplift – shoplifting/ shoplifter
slander – slanderer
slave – slavery/ enslave/ enslave
smuggle – smuggling/ smuggler
squat – squatting/ squatter
stalk – stalking/ stalker
terror – terrorist/ terrorism/ terrorise
threat – threaten/ threatening
trespass – trespassing/ trespasser
trial – mistrial/ pre-trial
vagrant – vagrancy
vandal – vandalise/ vandalism

Crime collocations

Without looking above, put at least two words before or after the words below to make crime collocations.

alarm

weapon

arrest

break

camera

cell

court

detective

gun

print

prison

punishment

sentence

Mixed answers

Used the words below to help with the task above

5-year
burglar
capital
car
CCTV
security
corporal
deadly
death
false
finger
foot
hand
high
illegal
into
open
out of
personal
plain clothes
police
prison
prison
private
rape
replica
shot-
supreme
suspended
top security
under