Crime

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each crime word with its meaning.

1 thief	____	a person believed possibly to have committed a crime
2 burglar	____	b person who sees a crime or accident happen
3 robber	____	c person who steals from a shop
4 shoplifter	____	d person whose property is stolen or who is harmed
5 victim	____	e person who steals things
6 witness	____	f person who enters a building illegally to steal
7 police officer	____	g person who steals using force or threats
8 suspect	____	h person whose job is to prevent and investigate crime

2 Complete the crime expressions.

arrest | break | call | commit | report | steal | take | witness

1 _____ a crime

2 _____ into a house

3 _____ a bicycle

4 _____ the police

5 _____ a theft

6 _____ a suspect

7 _____ evidence

8 _____ an offence

3 Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 A *burglar / robber* entered the house at night.

2 Someone *stole / robbed* my phone.

3 The police *arrested / committed* a suspect.

4 A witness *saw / looked* the incident.

5 The victim *reported / punished* the crime.

6 The thief was *caught / taken* by police.

7 The shoplifter stole goods *from / of* a store.

8 Do not touch possible *evidence / sentence*.

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4 Complete the police note with words from the box.

arrested | **broke** | **evidence** | **reported** | **stole** | **suspect** | **victim** | **witness**

A **1** _____ called the police after someone **2** _____ into her flat and **3** _____ a laptop. A neighbour was a **4** _____ and described the person leaving. Officers collected **5** _____ and identified a **6** _____. They **7** _____ him later that day. The crime was officially **8** _____.

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A missing bicycle

Matic left his bicycle outside a sports centre and locked it to a metal stand. When he returned, the bicycle and the broken lock were gone. He told the receptionist and called the police. A camera had recorded a person cutting the lock. Matic gave the police the bicycle's description and serial number. Two days later, officers found it at a market and returned it to him.

1 Matic left the bicycle unlocked. T / F

2 The broken lock disappeared too. T / F

3 He reported the theft. T / F

4 No camera recorded the incident. T / F

5 He knew the bicycle's serial number. T / F

6 The bicycle was recovered. T / F

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 Someone took my bag illegally. **STOLE** _____

2 The police caught and held the man. **ARRESTED** _____

3 She told the police about the theft. **REPORTED** _____

4 He saw the crime happen. **WITNESSED** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write **70-90 words** describing a simple fictional crime and what happened next. Include the victim, witness, police and evidence.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past simple accurately. [ ] Put events in a clear order.

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ANSWER KEY

1 People connected with crime

1 **e** 2 **f** 3 **g** 4 **c** 5 **d** 6 **b** 7 **h** 8 **a**

2 Crime expressions

1 **commit** 2 **break** 3 **steal** 4 **call** 5 **report** 6 **arrest** 7 **take** 8 **witness**

3 Correct choices

1 **burglar** 2 **stole** 3 **arrested** 4 **saw**
5 **reported** 6 **caught** 7 **from** 8 **evidence**

4 Police note

1 **victim** 2 **broke** 3 **stole** 4 **witness** 5 **evidence** 6 **suspect** 7 **arrested** 8 **reported**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 **F** - It was locked. 2 **T** 3 **T** 4 **F** - A camera recorded it. 5 **T** 6 **T**

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 Someone **stole** my bag. 2 The police **arrested** the man. 3 She **reported** the theft. 4 He **witnessed** the crime.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check crime vocabulary, past forms, sequence and a clear outcome.