

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: gap-fill, betting

Focus

Words related to crime

Aim

To practice crime-related vocabulary

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this crime and punishment vocabulary game, students complete sentences with crime-related words and then place bets on their answers.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

First, students complete sentences with crime-related vocabulary, making sure the verbs are in the correct tense.

Students then bet between 1 to 5 points, depending on how sure they are about each answer. Five is very sure and one is not very sure.

Next, elicit the correct answers from the students.

For each correct answer, students put a tick beside the sentence and write the number they bet in the points column.

For an incorrect answer, students write their score as a negative number in the points column.

When all the sentences have been checked, students add up their points to get a grand total.

The student with the most points wins the game.

Answer key

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| 1. arrested | 7. commits | 13. robbers |
| 2. guilty | 8. innocent | 14. solve |
| 3. prisoner | 9. burglar | 15. illegal |
| 4. victim | 10. thief | 16. fine |
| 5. judge | 11. witness | 17. released |
| 6. trial | 12. evidence | 18. weapon |

Complete the sentences with the crime words in their correct form. Then, bet between 1 to 5 points depending on how sure you are about each answer. Five is very sure and one is not very sure.

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Sentences	Bet	✓	Points
1. The thief was and taken to the police station.			
2. The man was found of stealing the car.			
3. This is the third time the has tried to escape.			
4. The attacker did not expect the to fight back.			
5. A is someone who makes decisions in court.			
6. The police lied to the judge during the criminal			
7. A criminal is someone who a crime.			
8. Although he said he was, nobody believed him.			
9. The entered the house through the window.			
10. A stole my laptop from my bag.			
11. A told the police everything that he'd seen.			
12. We didn't have enough to prove he was guilty.			
13. The stole over \$100 million from the bank.			
14. The detective helped us to the mystery.			
15. It is to drive a car without a license.			
16. Tom had to pay a for driving too fast.			
17. The criminal was from prison after 15 years.			
18. The robber was holding the in his hand.			
Total:			