

5 Point Definition of Theft

Dishonestly

The person does not reasonably believe they have a legal right to that property (i.e: without legal owner's consent)

Appropriates

The person assumes the rights of the owner of the property (e.g: by taking it)

Property

Any physical object (or certain intangible property) such as money (in a form such as coins or cash), wild mushrooms (when intended for commercial use), or any tamed or captive animal, or any untamed animal (dead or alive) belonging to someone else (see "belonging to another" below)

Belonging to another

Someone else has normal possession or control of it

With the intention of permanently depriving the other of it

The person treats the stolen property as their own, with no intention of returning it to the owner (e.g: borrowing, rather than stealing)

Information taken from Theft Act 1968 (*UKPGA 1968 c. 60*)