

● The law and crime

Topic vocabulary in contrast

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proof / evidence	rule / law / justice / right	vandal / hooligan
suspect / arrest / charge	judge / jury	sentence / imprison
suspect / accused	prosecute / persecute	innocent / guilty
decision / verdict	capital punishment / corporal punishment	witness / bystander
commit / break	robber / burglar / thief	lawyer / solicitor

Phrasal verbs

back down stop demanding sth, stop saying that you will do sth	hand in give to a person in authority
break out escape (from prison)	hold up rob while threatening violence; delay
bring in introduce a new law or system	let off give little or no punishment; make a bomb, etc explode
chase after follow sb/sth quickly in order to catch them	look into investigate
come forward offer help or information	make off escape
get away with escape punishment for	take down write down what someone says
go off explode; be fired (for a gun, usually accidentally)	take in trick sb into believing sth that is not true

Phrases and collocations

account	on account of; take into account; account for sth
advantage	take advantage of sth/sb; have an advantage over sth/sb; at an advantage; an/one/etc advantage (of sth)
blame	be to blame (for sth/doing); get/take the blame (for sth/doing); put the blame on sth/sb; blame sth (on sb); blame sb for sth/doing
damage	do/cause damage (to sth)
fault	at fault; find fault with sth/sb
intention	have the/no intention of doing
mistake	make a mistake; a mistake (to do); mistake sb for sb; do sth by mistake
necessary	necessary (for sb) to do
order	in order; put sth in order; in order to do; give an order (to sb) (to do)
permission	give sb permission to do; ask (sb) for permission to do; have/ask for/get permission (from sb) to do
purpose	do sth on purpose; purpose of sth
reason	reason why; reason for sth; reason with sb
solution	have/find/think of/work out/come up with/figure out a solution (to sth)
wrong	do wrong; do the wrong thing; the wrong thing to do; go wrong; the wrong way up

Word patterns

accuse sb of sth/doing	doubt sth; doubt that; doubt if/whether	make sb do; be made to do
arrest sb for sth/doing	forgive sb for sth/doing	refuse to do sth; refuse sth
charge sb with sth	glimpse sth; catch a glimpse of sth	respect sth; respect sb for sth/doing; have respect for sth/sb
claim to be/do; claim that	guilty of sth/doing	threaten to do, threaten sb with sth
deny sth/doing	legal (for sb) to do	

Word formation

accuse accused, accusation	honest dishonest, (dis)honesty, (dis)honestly	prison prisoner, imprison(ed), imprisonment
addict addicted, addictive, addiction	investigate investigative, investigation, investigator	prove proof, (un)proven, disprove
convict convicted, conviction	law lawyer, (un)lawful	rob robbery, robber
crime criminal	murder murderer	secure insecure, (in)security
evident evidence, evidently	offence offensive, offend, offender	theft thief
forge forgery, forger		