

UNIT 11. LESSON 17

Descriptions: personal items

Get ready!

Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

1. Where do most thefts of personal items take place?
2. What are the most commonly stolen personal items?

Active words: target, northbound, backpack, briefcase, cell phone, wallet, belongings, tighten, loose fitting, add, theft.

VOCABULARY

Task 1. Listen and read the new words and definitions then copy out them into your notebooks.

target - a person, object, or place selected as the aim of an attack

northbound - travelling or leading towards the north

backpack - a piece of equipment carried on a person's back

briefcase - a plastic rectangular container with a handle for carrying books and documents

cell phone - a mobile phone

wallet - a pocket-sized flat folding case for holding money and plastic cards

belongings - Your belongings are the things that you own.

tighten - hold the thing more firmly or securely.

loose fitting - rather large and do not fit tightly on your body

add - join to increase the number

WRITING

Task 2. Match the translation the following words and phrases.

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| 1. target | a. ryukzag |
| 2. northbound | b. telefon |
| 3. backpack | c. nishonga olmoq |
| 4. briefcase | d. tegishli buyum |
| 5. cell phone | e. mahkamlamoq |
| 6. wallet | f. mustahkam bo‘lmagan |
| 7. belongings | g. chemodan |
| 8. tighten | h. qo‘shmoq |
| 9. loose fitting | i. hamyon |
| 10. add | j. shimoliy |

Task 3. Read the sentence and choose the correct word.

1. Most tourists carry *a watch / camera* to take pictures.
2. The man keeps his credit card in his wallet/bracelet.
3. *A backpack / bracelet* has two straps.
4. What time is it? I don't have a *checkbook / watch*.
5. Karen took out her *checkbook / jewelry* to buy the bracelet.

Task 4. Check (✓) the sentence that uses the underlined part correctly.

1. ___A Shopping with a credit card is safer than using cash.
___B He has a backpack on his wrist.
2. ___A People wear jewelry for decoration.
___B The briefcase is in the wallet.
3. ___A Steve carries files in his briefcase.
___B Sarah buys things with her jewelry.
4. ___A The thief grabbed John's wallet off his back.
___B He called the police on his cell phone.
5. ___A The man stole a bracelet from Amy's wrist.
___B This watch holds cash, cards and IDs.

Task 5. Use the appropriate word for the sentence.

target / add

1. In 23 attacks, the terrorists targeted military bases....
2. Everything is clear, there's nothing to add.

backpack / briefcase

1. A backpack is a bag with straps that go over your shoulders, so that you can carry things on your back when you are walking or climbing.
2. A briefcase is a leather or plastic rectangular container with a handle for carrying books and documents

wallet / belongings

1. His wallet was bulging with banknotes.
2. He was identified only by his uniform and personal belongings.

tighten / loose fitting

1. She saw his jaw tighten and his face lose its colour.
2. Loose-fitting clothes are rather large and do not fit tightly on your body.

READING

Task 6. Read and translate the text. Pay attention to the use of new words of the topic.

TRAIN STATION CRIME SPREE

Davis Times reporter: Joe Stevens

Travelers at the Davis train station reported missing items over the weekend. The thieves targeted people waiting for the northbound train on Saturday. Stolen items include **backpacks, briefcases**, cameras, a gold **bracelet** and a **cell phone**. One traveler reported, "I was sitting on this bench. I looked down and my briefcase was gone. My **wallet** was in there, my **checkbook, credit cards**, everything. "Davis police suggest keeping belongings close at hand. "I even recommend tightening wrist **watch**, and removing loose fitting **jewelry**", the police commissioner said. "And we will be **adding** patrols to the station".

Task 7. Read the newspaper article. Then, choose the correct answers.

1. What is the article mainly about?
 - a. recent thefts at the train station
 - b. the arrest of a thief at the train station
 - c. a decrease in patrols at the train station
 - d. the discovery of items stolen from passengers

2. According to the article, which item was NOT stolen recently?
 - a. a briefcase
 - b. a watch
 - c. a credit card
 - d. a wallet
3. How will the police respond to the problem?
 - a. board all weekend trains
 - b. add security cameras to the station
 - c. increase their presence in the station
 - d. begin checking passenger's luggage

LISTENING

Task 8. Listen and read the article again. Who told the reporter about what they had had stolen?

Task 9. Listen to a conversation between a police officer and a victim of theft.

Mark the statements as true (T) or false (F)

1. ___ The thief has the man's wallet.
2. ___ The briefcase contained a cell phone.
3. ___ The man saw the thief as he ran away.

Task 10. Listen again and complete the conversation.

Officer: Okay, sir. What was the item that you lost?

Victim: My 1_____. I set it down here. I closed my eyes for a minute. Then it was gone.

Officer: 2_____ the briefcase, sir?

Victim: My 3_____ was in there with all my credit cards and my checkbook.

Officer: 4_____ cash in it?

Victim: Just 5_____ dollars.

Officer: Did you notice anything 6_____ while you were sitting here?

Victim: I saw nothing. Whoever took it was totally silent.

SPEAKING

Task 10. With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 10. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

What was the item . . .

What was in . . .

Did you notice . . .

Student A: You are a police officer. Talk to Student B about

- a stolen backpack or briefcase
- the contents
- suspicious behavior

Student B: Your personal items were stolen. Talk to Student A about the theft.

WRITING

Davis Police Department

Stolen Items Report

Reporting Officer: _____

Date: _____

Victim name: _____

Theft Location: _____

Description of stolen items: _____

Task 11. Use the article and the conversation from Task 10 to fill out the stolen items report. Use today's date. Make up a name for the reporting officer and victim.

Task 7. Discuss the following questions.

1. What article of **the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan** implies theft?
2. What is the punishment for theft?

CRIMINAL CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 169. Theft

Theft, that is larceny in secret –

shall be punished with fine up to fifty minimum monthly wages, or correctional labor up to two years, or arrest up to six months, or imprisonment up to three years.

Theft committed:

a) from the clothes, bag, or other personal belonging, carried by the victim (pickpocketing);

b) in large amount;

c) by previous concert by a group of individuals;

d) with illegal entering a dwelling, depositary or other premise –

shall be punished with fine from three hundred minimum monthly wages, or correctional labor from two to three years, or imprisonment from three to five years. ...