

35 I can understand crime reporting

The Morning News

Thieves **get away with** antiques valued at €1m



The City Museum was the scene of a major crime last night when thieves **tricked** a security guard **into** believing they were a new team of cleaners ... [\[read more\]](#)

Hold-up at city bank

Two armed men **held up** a city bank yesterday, holding the bank manager prisoner for an hour as they searched for cash. They then **ran off with** €100,000 ... [\[read more\]](#)

Break-in at Simpson's Hotel

Police searched **in vain** last night for two men who **broke into** Simpson's Hotel. [\[read more\]](#)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglar **caught red-handed**

Police warn residents to **be on the lookout** for thieves

Children 'as young as six' **getting into trouble with** the police

Internet crime **on the rise**

Speeding driver **let off** with warning

Man accused of murder **beaten up** in prison

Drug dealer **behind bars**

Glossary

get away with sth

trick sb into sth / doing sth

hold up sth/sb

in vain

break in/into sth

catch sb red-handed

be on the lookout for sb/sth

get into trouble (with sb)

on the rise

let sb off

beat sb up

behind bars

do sth bad and not be punished for it.

persuade sb to do sth by making them believe sth which is not true, rob or try to rob a place or a person by threatening violence. **hold-up** N. without success.

enter a building by force, usually to steal sth. **break-in** N.

catch sb while they are committing a crime. (👁 See page 144.)

INF pay attention in order to see, find, or avoid sb/sth.

get into a situation where you may be punished.

increasing. SYN **on the increase**.

not punish sb, or punish them less than expected.

attack sb by hitting or kicking them many times.

INF in prison.

spotlight Phrasal verbs and idioms with *run*

He ran off with my handbag. = stole it and left quickly.

She ran away from home. = left home secretly to escape from sb or sth.

The prisoner is on the run. = trying to hide or escape from the police.

1 Circle the correct particle.

- 1 The police searched the area *in* | *on* vain for the suspects.
- 2 Two young men are thought to be *at* | *on* the run after escaping from prison last night.
- 3 His life started to go wrong after he ran *away* | *off* from home at the age of 16.
- 4 The number of burglaries is *in* | *on* the rise in certain parts of the country.
- 5 The thief tricked the old couple *into* | *in* giving him their bank details.
- 6 I don't think that we will get *away* | *around* with telling lies for very long.
- 7 The poor man was beaten *out* | *up* outside the pub.
- 8 Police are *in* | *on* the lookout for two men in their twenties.

2 Write the last word in each sentence.

- 1 I know the thieves escaped, but are they still on the _____?
- 2 If they carry on behaving so anti-socially, they'll soon get into _____.
- 3 Sadly, our efforts to find the person who stole the jewellery were in _____.
- 4 Everyone at the bank was very shocked to hear about last night's break-_____.
- 5 What do you think she was running away _____?
- 6 The crime figures haven't fallen; on the contrary, they're on the _____.
- 7 It was a silly mistake and the police caught him red-_____.
- 8 The boys took his mobile phone, but at least they didn't beat him _____.

3 Rewrite the sentence using the word in capitals. The meaning must remain the same.

- They threatened violence and stole from the bank. HOLD *They held up the bank.*
- 1 Dan will be punished for this. TROUBLE _____
 - 2 He committed the crime but wasn't punished. AWAY _____
 - 3 The police are looking for two thieves. LOOKOUT _____
 - 4 The escaped murderer is now back in prison. BARS _____
 - 5 They caught the boy but did not punish him. LET _____
 - 6 She left home to escape from her father. RUN _____
 - 7 The barman was attacked by the gang. BEAT _____
 - 8 We looked for the ring without any success. VAIN _____

4 One word is missing in each line. What is it, and where does it go?

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| Minor crime is certainly <i>X</i> the increase in some | <i>on</i> |
| villages; a few teenagers have been into trouble | 1 _____ |
| with the police. Residents have been the lookout | 2 _____ |
| for any bad behaviour. When one boy into the | 3 _____ |
| village shop at night, he was red-handed, but the | 4 _____ |
| police just let him with a severe warning. I don't | 5 _____ |
| think he should have been able to away with it. | 6 _____ |
| But last night two men tricked a resident letting | 7 _____ |
| them into his house; they then ran with some | 8 _____ |
| very valuable things, and they are still on run. | 9 _____ |
| I think that people like that should be bars. | 10 _____ |