

# 46 Vocabulary

## 46.1 CRIME AND THE LAW

He refused to admit he had **committed a crime**.

**commit a crime**  
[break the law]



She **denied all knowledge** of the gang and their activities.

**deny all knowledge**  
[say that you know nothing about something or somebody]



It took the jury several hours to **reach a verdict**.

**reach a verdict**  
[come to a decision about somebody's guilt or innocence]



They were sure **beyond reasonable doubt** that she did it.

**(beyond) reasonable doubt**  
[(without) uncertainty about somebody's guilt]



She was **sentenced** to 80 hours of community service.

**sentence somebody to something**  
[decide on a punishment in accordance with the law]



I **got away with cheating** in my last exam.

**get away with something**  
[do a bad thing without being caught]



The **jury** was chosen from a random group of people.

**jury**  
[the people who decide whether a person is guilty of a crime]



In the end the jury **found him guilty** of the robbery.

**find somebody (not) guilty**  
[officially decide that someone has (not) broken the law]



The jury **convicted the criminal** and the judge sent him to prison.

**convict a criminal**  
[find somebody guilty of a crime]



This morning the judge **passed sentence** on the attacker.

**pass sentence**  
[say what punishment a criminal will have]



He was released from prison after **serving a sentence** of five years.

**serve a sentence**  
[spend time in prison]



After he left prison, he never **offended** again.

**offend**  
[break a law or a rule]



In most countries it is the law that all cars must **be insured**.

**be insured**  
[be covered by insurance]



It can be difficult to get a job with a **criminal record**.

**criminal record**  
[a list of crimes that a person has committed]



The rate of **street crime**, such as mugging, has risen.

**street crime**  
[crime committed in a public place]



The police help **enforce** the law.

**enforce**  
[make people obey a rule or a law]



They **arrested** the woman for damaging cars.

**arrest**  
[use the power of the law to take and question somebody]



After the burglary I **made a claim** on my insurance.

**make a claim**  
[request that an insurance company pays you money]



Fewer police officers on the street may lead to a **crime wave**.

**crime wave**  
[a lot of crimes happening suddenly in the same area]



Police are training more experts to deal with **white-collar crime**.

**white-collar crime**  
[financial, nonviolent crime]

