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Idioms:

A steal: If something is a steal, it costs much less than it is really worth. Have you bought anything that was “a steal”?

Beat the rap: If you beat the rap, you escape conviction and punishment for a crime or something you have done wrong.

Behind bars: When someone is behind bars, they are in prison.

Get away with murder: If you get away with murder, you do something bad and don't get caught or punished.

Make out like a bandit: If someone is extremely successful in a venture, they make out like a bandit. Have you ever “made out like a bandit” in a business venture?

Highway robbery: Something that is ridiculously expensive, especially when you have no choice but to pay, is a highway robbery. Can you think of anything that you believe is ridiculously expensive?

Serve time: When someone is serving time, they are in prison.

Get away with murder: to do something very bad and not get punished for it. Sometimes the youngest child in the family can “get away with murder”. Was it that way at your home growing up?

A slap on the wrist: a very light punishment. Do you think rich people get “a slap on the wrist” when they commit a crime?

Above the law: someone who doesn't have to follow the laws. Is there anyone in your country that is “above the law”?

Caught red-handed: be seen in the act of committing a crime. Once when I was little, I got caught red-handed eating candy I wasn't supposed to have. Has your Mom ever “caught you red-handed”?

In cold blood: to do something with very bad just to be cruel.

Thick as thieves: If people are thick as thieves, they are very close friends who have no secrets from each other.

Discussion:

1. Have you ever been the victim of identity theft? What do you do to safeguard your identity?
2. Is shoplifting a problem in your country?
3. Have you ever been the victim of internet fraud?
4. Is domestic violence a big problem in your country?
5. Have you ever witnessed a crime?
6. Is your country more crime free than the U.S.?
7. What would you do if you saw someone shoplifting?
8. What would you do if you heard a burglar in your house?
9. How do you feel about the death penalty? Does your country have a death penalty?
10. What are prisons like in your country?
11. Is there much crime in your neighborhood?
12. Do you feel safe walking around at night?
13. Do you think criminals spend enough time behind bars?
14. Do you think prison deters criminals?

Which of the following is more important?

When walking at night:

- a) walk with a friend
- b) stay on well-lit streets
- c) stay out of bad neighborhoods

To protect against identity theft:

- a) conceal your PIN at ATM's
- b) don't give your credit card to waiters
- c) don't make online purchases

To be safe at home:

- a) never open the door to strangers
- b) lock your door even when you are home
- c) have a burglar alarm installed

To be safe in your car:

- a) don't drink and drive
- b) obey the speed limits
- c) don't drive at night

To have a safe neighborhood:

- a) cooperate with the police
- b) form a neighborhood watch
- c) hire a security patrol