

Teachers: Use pg 142 of the OPD to show pictures of the vocabulary words.

1-If you vandalize something, you intentionally damage it. For example, if someone scratches a mark on my car with a key, that is vandalism. If kids throw a rock through someone's window, that is vandalism. Vandalize is the verb form of the noun vandalism. EX: My house was vandalized.

Is vandalism a problem in your country? What are the penalties for vandalism? How can you prevent vandalism?

2-If someone breaks into your house or car and steals something, that is burglary. Burglary is different from robbery. Robbery occurs when someone takes something from you forcefully. For example, if someone points a gun at you and demands money, that is robbery. If someone comes in your house while you are away and steals your TV, that is burglary. "Mug" is a slang term for robbery. If you are "mugged" you are robbed. It is not a legal definition. "Theft" means stealing. A person who steals is a thief.

Have you ever been burglarized? Have you ever been robbed? Is burglary and robbery common in your country? What do you do to prevent theft?

3- If you hit or push someone, or even touch someone in an offensive way, that is assault. Offensive in this sentence means upsetting to someone. For example, if a stranger touched your private areas, that would be offensive to you and is an assault. Assault can be a noun or a verb. EX: I reported an assault to the police. The man assaulted me.

Have you ever seen an assault? What would you do if you witnessed an assault?

4-Identity Theft means stealing your private information for financial gain. When someone steals your social security number and tries to get a tax refund in your name, that is identity theft. When someone steals your credit card number and uses it to buy things, that is identity theft. Several years ago, someone stole my husband's driver's license number and used it to apply for a new driver's license with his picture. Then he used the new driver's license to cash bad checks. That is identity theft.

What steps do you take to avoid identity theft? Is this a big problem for you?

5-Gang violence is becoming a big problem in the U.S. In poorer areas of cities, gangs often control everyone. People are afraid to go outside their house. There are drive by shootings and a lot of drugs and crime. *Talk about gang violence in your country. How can this be prevented?*

6-Talk about the other crimes shown on page 142. Have you been the victim of any of these crimes? Have you witnessed any of these crimes? Do you own a gun? Do you think owning a gun is dangerous or do you think it keeps you safe?

Read these paragraphs and tell what crime they describe.

John James drank too much at a bar one night. He got in his car and started home. He crashed into another car at a stop light and injured the driver. He is guilty of _____.

Paul Shanks broke into an office building one night and stole computers and other electronic equipment. He is guilty of _____.

Sarah Stone was shopping at her favorite store. She picked up some jewelry and dropped it into her bag. She left the store without paying for it. She is guilty of _____.

John Spinks was walking down the street one night. A man approached, pulled a knife and demanded John's wallet. John was a victim of a _____.

Tommy Coburn failed all his school exams. That night he set fire to his school, hoping to burn it down. Tommy is guilty of _____.

James got in an argument with another man at a bar. The man called James a "liar". James punched him in the face, knocking out several teeth. James is guilty of _____.

Marilyn and her husband got in an argument. Her husband said he was moving out. Marilyn was so angry she went into the bedroom and got a gun. She shot her husband and killed him. Marilyn is guilty of _____.

Several kids painted graffiti all over a downtown office building. They are guilty of _____.

Fred Preston bought cocaine from a dealer. The police caught him. He is guilty of buying _____.

Teachers: If you have extra time, here are some more vocabulary words to discuss.

- If you steal from someone's pocket, you are a **pickpocket**.
- If you lie or cheat to get money, you are guilty of **fraud**. For example, if you start a fake charity and get people to donate, then use the money for a nice vacation, you are guilty of fraud.
- If you bring something illegal into the country, you are guilty of **smuggling**.
- If you use force to take control of a plane, train or bus, you are a **hijacker**.
- If you pay money to influence a government official, you **bribe** them. You are guilty of **bribery**.
- If you go on someone's property without permission, you are **trespassing**.