

# IELTS Vocabulary

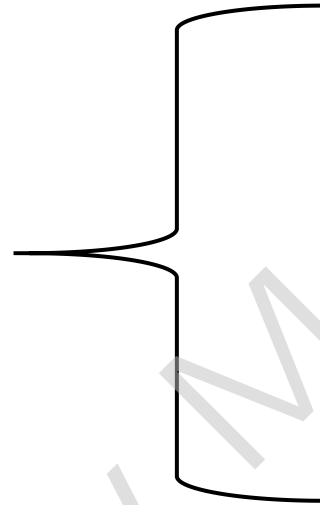
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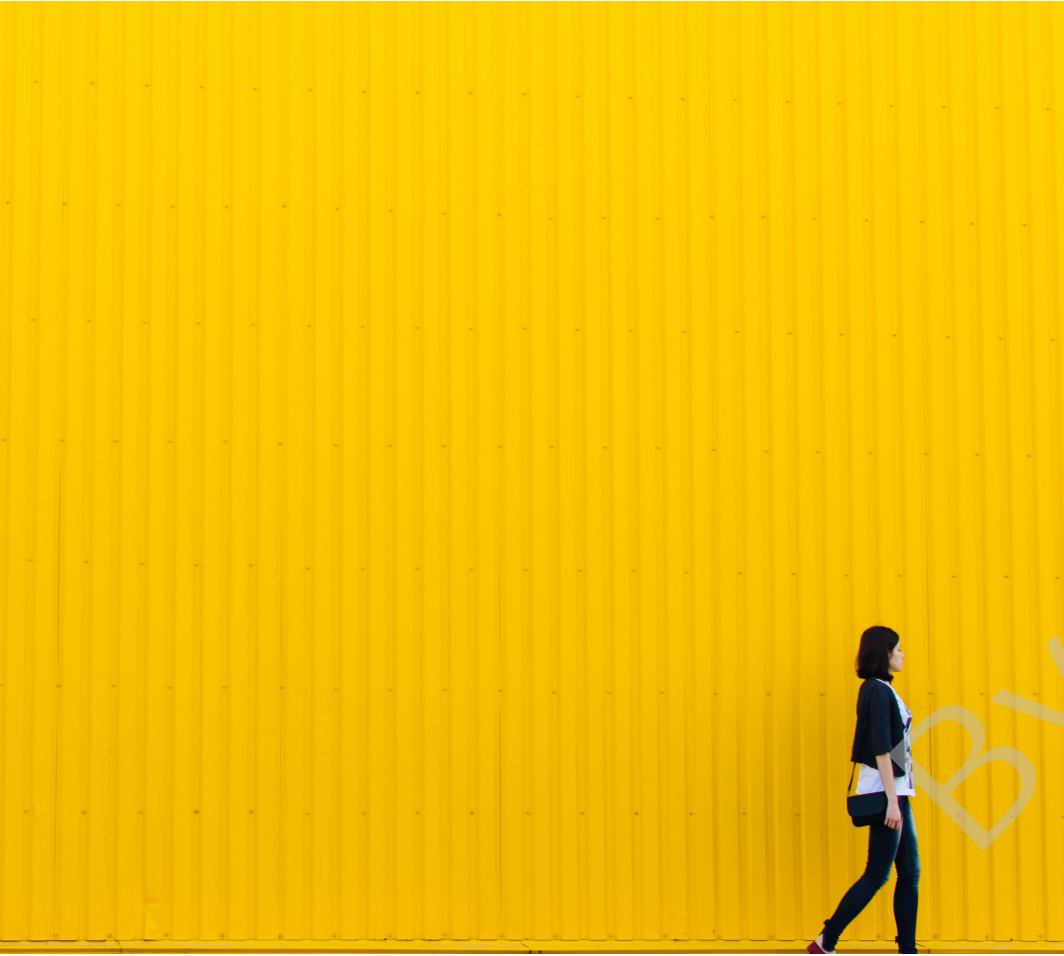
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# Lesson Objectives

- Understand and use 25+ key crime related vocabulary
- Apply these words in IELTS Speaking Part 2 and Writing Task 2 contexts



# Vocabulary: Crime

## *Crime or Not?*

Stealing a bike = burglary (Y/N?)

Breaking a bus stop = vandalism (Y/N?)

A victim = the person who commits the crime (Y/N?)

# Practice 1:

**Choose the Crime (A/B/C)**

1. **Breaking into a house → (    )**
2. **Damaging public property → (    )**
3. **Lying to get money → (    )**

**A. Fraud  
B. Burglary  
C. Vandalism**

# Vocabulary : Crime

Words:

- |   |    |                |    |  |
|---|----|----------------|----|--|
| C | 1. | commit a crime | A. | A person who has been officially said to have done something illegal |
| D | 2. | burglary       | B. | A person who is harmed or suffers because of a crime                 |
| E | 3. | fraud          | C. | To do something illegal  |
| G | 4. | vandalism      | D. | A crime in which someone enters a building illegally to steal things |
| A | 5. | the accused    | E. | A crime that involves cheating someone to get money                  |
| B | 6. | the victim     | F. | A general term for any illegal action                                |
| F | 7. | criminal act   | G. | The act of damaging public or private property on purpose            |

# Practice 2:

## Fill the Gaps (One Word)

Last week, the police were called to investigate a case of \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ reported that someone had broken in. Police tried to investigate the case by checking CCTV. The criminal \_\_\_\_\_ the crime around midnight.

burglary  
victim  
committed

# Vocabulary : Law & Enforcement

Did 老张 break the law?

实施/强制执行

**enforce** the law on  
electric bicycles  
**pass** a law on  
electric bicycles

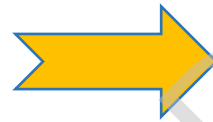


违法

**break** the law

交通  
违规

traffic offence



**impose** a fine

罚款



**law-abiding** citizen

守法公民



# Vocabulary : Law & Enforcement

## Words:

- break the law
- law-abiding citizen
- enforce the law
- pass a law
- impose a fine
- traffic offence
- investigate

# Vocabulary : Law & Enforcement



the jury

陪审团

not guilty— set free

guilty—  
**convict** a criminal

**deter** the  
public/criminals  
**deterrence**  
**deterrent**



be sent to prison/jail

**imprisonment** 监禁



rehabilitate

# Vocabulary : Justice & Punishment

## Words:

- punishment
- imprisonment
- deter / deterrence
- crime prevention
- convict a criminal
- the jury
- rehabilitate

# Practice 3:

1. Which of the following refers to someone who always follows the rules?

A. break the law

B. law-abiding citizen

C. impose a fine

D. convict a criminal

B

# Practice 4:

2. When the police make sure people follow the rules, they are said to:

A. pass a law

B. enforce the law

C. rehabilitate

D. deter

B



# Practice 5:

3. A person who is found guilty in court may receive:

A. imprisonment

B. traffic offence

C. the jury

D. crime prevention

A

# Practice 6:

4. Installing CCTV cameras and neighborhood patrols is an example of:

A. deterrence

B. crime prevention

C. break the law

D. convict a criminal

B

# Practice 7:

5. The main role of \_\_\_\_\_ is to examine the evidence and decide if someone is guilty.

A. the jury

B. a law-abiding citizen

C. punishment

D. impose a fine

A

# Practice 8:

6. When a government officially creates a new rule for society, it is called:

A. pass a law

B. investigate

C. rehabilitate

D. deterrence

A

# Practice 9 :

a. break the law b. law-abiding citizen c. enforce the law d. pass a law  
e. impose a fine f. traffic offence g. investigate h. deterrence

In every society, it is important for people to be \_\_\_\_\_ (1) and respect the rules. If someone chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ (2), the authorities must take action to \_\_\_\_\_ (3) and ensure justice. Governments can also \_\_\_\_\_ (4) to address new social issues. When people commit a \_\_\_\_\_ (5), such as speeding or illegal parking, the police may \_\_\_\_\_ (6) and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ (7) to punish the offender. By doing so, authorities hope to create a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ (8) so that others think twice before breaking the law.

1.law-abiding citizen 2.break the law 3.enforce the law 4. pass a law 5. traffic offence 6. investigate 7. impose a fine 8. deterrence



# Practice 10:

a. punishment b. imprisonment c. deterrence d. crime prevention e. the jury f. rehabilitate

When someone commits a serious crime, the court may \_\_\_\_\_ (1) and sentence them to \_\_\_\_\_ (2). However, modern justice systems not only aim to punish but also to \_\_\_\_\_ (3) offenders so they can return to society. The trial process involves \_\_\_\_\_ (4), who carefully consider the evidence before reaching a verdict. Effective \_\_\_\_\_ (5) and security measures can help reduce crime. Overall, proper \_\_\_\_\_ (6) and rehabilitation programs are necessary to prevent future offenses and promote a safer community.

1. convict a criminal 2.imprisonment 3.rehabilitate 4. the jury 5. crime prevention  
6. punishment

# IELTS Speaking Part 2 practice:

Describe a good law in your country.

You should say:

- what the law is
- when you learned about it
- what people think of this law
- and explain why you think it is a good law.

开头: I'd like to talk about a good law in my country...It is a law that helps protect people from... (cybercrimes/online fraud)

如何知道: I first heard about this law from a news report / school lecture / social media post a couple of years ago. At that time, online scams were increasing rapidly, so it caught a lot of public attention. + 加在社媒上看到的受害者分享的故事+ 当时看到的感受

人们如何看待: Most people believe this law is necessary because it helps protect ordinary citizens, especially the elderly, from becoming victims. Some people say the enforcement is becoming more professional and efficient.

why:

deters criminals/ protects the public/raises public awareness

That's why I think this is a really meaningful and effective law in China.

# Sample:

A good law in my country that I'd like to talk about is the Anti-Telecom and Online Fraud Law. It's a law that helps deal with different kinds of online fraud and protects people from being cheated on the Internet.

I first heard about this law from a news programme about two years ago. At that time, online scams were very common, and many people, especially the elderly, lost money because they trusted fake messages or phone calls. So this law quickly became a hot topic in the media.

Most people think this law is helpful and necessary. They feel it gives clearer rules to online companies and makes the police more efficient when they handle cases. Some people also say they feel safer when using online services because they know the government is paying more attention to cybercrime.

I think it's a good law for several reasons. First, it makes criminals think twice because the punishment is more serious. Second, it teaches the public to be more careful online. Many schools and communities now give talks about how to avoid online fraud. Most importantly, it helps create a safer online environment, and people can use apps and digital services with more confidence.

So overall, I believe this law is quite useful and helps protect ordinary people in China.

## IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:



Some people believe that the best way to reduce crime is to give longer prison sentences. Others think there are better ways. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

- A. Longer imprisonment works better
- B. Crime prevention + education works better

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## Ideas

1. Longer prison sentences can reduce crime.
2. Education and rehabilitation are more effective.
3. Crime is caused by deeper social issues.

## Evidence

- A. Income inequality and lack of opportunities push people to commit crimes.
- B. ...can deter criminals from committing serious crimes again.
- C. ...help offenders turn into law-abiding citizens.



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## Structure (5段式) :

开头: 有人认为..while 有人认为. Personally, I...

Body 1: 延长刑期好处

Body 2: 更好的方法: 劳改; 教育等

Body 3: 我的观点, 延长刑期带来问题, 所以要采用劳改/教育等

Conclusion: 重申开头立场

如果是写4段:

开头段

body 1: 延长刑期好处+ 反驳 (延长刑期会带来问题 比如:

overcrowded prisons

body 2: 所以有更好的方法, 比如教育/早期预防/增加工作机会等等等

conclusion

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introduction: Introduction 改写题目 + 表明立场

People have different opinions about whether longer prison sentences are the most effective way to reduce crime. While longer terms can control some serious crimes, I believe that other measures, especially education and prevention, are more helpful in the long run.

## IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:

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BODY 1: 延长刑期带来的好处: 1. 震慑 2. 保护公众-坏人被关起来了

On the one hand, longer prison sentences can be useful in certain situations. Firstly, they can act as a **deterrent**, because some people may think twice before **committing a serious crime** if they know they will spend many years in prison. Secondly, long sentences can also protect the public. Dangerous criminals, such as violent offenders or repeat criminals, are kept away from society, which reduces the chance of them committing another **criminal act**. For these reasons, some people believe that increasing punishment is the simplest and most direct way to deal with crime.

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## BODY 2: 教育 + 增加机会

On the other hand, many people argue that better solutions focus on **crime prevention** instead of punishment. Education can play an important role here. For example, schools can teach young people about the consequences of **breaking the law** and help them become **law-abiding citizens**. In addition, governments can invest in community programmes that give teenagers more support and help them stay away from crime. Another effective method is to improve job opportunities. If people have stable income and skills, they are less likely to commit crimes related to **income inequality** and financial pressure.

## IELTS Writing Task 2 practice:

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Body 3 延长刑期会带来的问题+ 重申开头立场

In my view, although long prison sentences are necessary for serious crimes, they are not enough to reduce crime overall. A society that only focuses on punishment will still face the problem of **overcrowded prisons**. Therefore, it is more effective to deal with the root causes of crime through education, social support, and early prevention.



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Conclusion 总结

In conclusion, long prison terms can help control certain crimes, but I believe that prevention and education offer better long-term solutions for reducing crime in society.

THANKS

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