

Law and Crime Vocabulary

to commit a crime - to do something illegal

to break the law - to commit a crime, to do something illegal

crime rate - measurement of the number of crimes in a particular place

felony - serious crime

misdemeanor - a petty crime, a crime that's not as serious

DUI - driving under the influence (of drugs or alcohol)

criminal - someone who commits a crime

theft - stealing something

burglary - when someone enters property and steals something from that place

robbery - stealing something with violence or threat (such as with a gun)

kidnapping - when you steal a person

murder - killing someone with intent

manslaughter - killing someone by accident

to be arrested - to be caught by police and taken to jail

to be charged with a crime - to be officially accused of a crime

to be tried / to go on trial - to go to court for a crime

guilty - having committed a crime

not guilty - innocent, did not commit a crime

judge - the person in charge in a court of law

jury - a group of people who decide whether someone is guilty or not guilty in a trial

lawyer - a person who works in law

to be convicted - to be found guilty

to be sentenced - to have to spend a certain amount of time in prison

to be incarcerated - to be in prison or in jail

prisoner / inmate / convict - someone who is in prison