Crime

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

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Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1 Match each offence with its meaning.

1 burglary	____	a deliberately damaging property
2 robbery	____	b illegally bringing goods into or out of a country
3 theft	____	c entering a building illegally in order to steal
4 fraud	____	d dishonest scheme used to obtain money or property
5 vandalism	____	e taking another person's property without permission
6 arson	____	f physically attacking or threatening someone
7 assault	____	g deliberately setting fire to property
8 smuggling	____	h stealing from a person or place using force or threats

2 Complete the law-enforcement collocations.

charge | **crime** | **evidence** | **guilty** | **investigation** | **prison** | **sentence** | **suspect**

1 launch an _____

2 collect _____

3 question a _____

4 _____ someone with theft

5 find someone _____

6 pass a _____

7 send someone to _____

8 solve a _____

3 Correct one mistake in each sentence.

1 He was accused for fraud. _____

2 Police charged him of burglary. _____

3 The jury found her guilt. _____

4 She was sentenced with two years in prison. _____

5 Detectives made an investigation. _____

6 Officers collected several evidences. _____

7 The suspect admitted to steal the car. _____

8 The court passed him a sentence. _____

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4 Complete the investigation summary with words from the box.

arson | charged | evidence | fraud | guilty | investigation | sentence | suspect

Police opened an **1** _____ after a warehouse fire. At first, they treated the case as possible **2** _____. Financial records then revealed suspected **3** _____. A business owner became the main **4** _____. Detectives gathered digital and physical **5** _____, and prosecutors **6** _____ him with both offences. The court found him **7** _____ and imposed a four-year **8** _____.

5 Read the text and answer the questions briefly.

A ticket-selling scam

Dozens of people paid for concert tickets advertised online, but the tickets did not exist. Victims transferred money to several accounts using different names. Investigators compared complaints and discovered that the messages followed the same pattern. A payment provider preserved transaction records, while the platform supplied login details under a legal request. Police identified two suspects and warned buyers to use protected payment methods.

1 What did victims believe they were buying? _____

2 Why were several names and accounts used? _____

3 How were the complaints connected? _____

4 What records did the payment provider keep? _____

5 How did the platform assist? _____

6 What prevention advice did police give? _____

6 Rewrite using the word in capitals.

1 Police formally said he had committed theft. **CHARGED** ___

2 The court decided that she committed the offence. **GUILTY** ___

3 Detectives began examining the crime. **INVESTIGATION** _____

4 The judge ordered three years in prison. **SENTENCED** _____

OVER TO YOU

Write a **100-120 word** summary of a fictional investigation. Include the offence, evidence, suspect, charge, verdict and sentence.

[ ] Use at least ten target expressions. [ ] Distinguish allegation from proof. [ ] Use passive forms accurately.

ANSWER KEY

1 Offences

1 **c** 2 **h** 3 **e** 4 **d** 5 **a** 6 **g** 7 **f** 8 **b**

2 Law-enforcement collocations

1 **investigation** 2 **evidence** 3 **suspect** 4 **charge** 5 **guilty** 6 **sentence** 7 **prison** 8 **crime**

3 Corrections

1 accused **of** 2 charged him **with** 3 found her **guilty** 4 sentenced **to** two years
5 **launched** an investigation 6 collected **evidence** 7 admitted **stealing** 8 **passed a sentence on** him

4 Investigation summary

1 **investigation** 2 **arson** 3 **fraud** 4 **suspect** 5 **evidence** 6 **charged** 7 **guilty** 8 **sentence**

5 Reading - suggested answers

1 Concert tickets. 2 To conceal the scheme. 3 Messages followed the same pattern. 4 Transaction records.
5 It supplied login details under a legal request. 6 Use protected payment methods.

6 Rewriting - possible answers

1 He was **charged with** theft. 2 She was found **guilty**. 3 Detectives launched an **investigation**. 4 The judge **sentenced** him to three years.

Over to you: Answers will vary. Check legal sequence, evidential precision, passive structures and outcomes.