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# CHAPTER 1 SELF-CHECK

## What Is Crime?

Fill in each blank with a term from the list to complete each sentence correctly. If you do not understand a word, review the chapter in your book.

larceny	assault and battery
misdemeanors	murder
homicide	felonies
manslaughter	arson
negligence	violation

1. Many different kinds of serious crimes are called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Many kinds of less serious crimes are called \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A legal word for the killing of someone is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Killing with intent is called \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A killing that happens without carelessness and without intent or bad feelings toward the victim is called \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The crime of setting fire to the property of others with intent is called \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Another word for theft is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. When someone commits a crime because of carelessness, it is called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Someone who commits a \_\_\_\_\_ is breaking the law but will not get a criminal record.
10. The legal term for threatening and striking someone is \_\_\_\_\_.



# CHAPTER 1 REALITY CHECK



## What Is Crime?

### WRITING ACTIVITY

Read each item below.  
Write your answers in complete sentences.

1. A man left his gun in his closet. His 10-year-old son found it. It went off and the boy was killed. Should the man be guilty of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Some friends got together at a party and they smoked a little pot. Should they be guilty of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. A woman had a few drinks at a bar. She was clearly drunk when she stumbled to her car. On her way home, she drove into the wrong lane, killing a man. The bartender knew she would be driving home. He kept on serving her even though she was drunk. Should he be guilty of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. A student overheard a man plotting the details of a murder. She did not warn the police. The murder was really carried out. Should she be guilty of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. A woman suffered serious head injuries. Because of this, she would often lose her memory and do things she would not remember. One day, she was walking with her nephew. While crossing the street, she stopped in front of a speeding truck. The child was killed. Should she be guilty of a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ACTIVITY

Form a small group of 3-6 people. Each person in your group should contribute. Before you begin, decide what each person's job will be in the group. If time allows, present your group's work to the class.

Pick one item below. Discuss at least three reasons why it is a criminal act. As a group, decide on a fair punishment. Write down the punishment. As a group, explain your reasons to the class.

- A parent throws a child against a wall. (child abuse)
- Someone forces another person to have sex. (sexual abuse)
- Someone sets a store on fire with a match. (arson)
- A man sneaks a computer out of his office. (white-collar crime)

Name/Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## Article Discussion

This assignment is worth ten points. Please make sure to answer all questions with complete sentences. Please use news articles only. They must be at least 75 words in length.

Byline: (Who wrote the article?)

Title:

Date of article/when did the event occur?

Where did the event occur?

Who was involved?

Why is this article newsworthy? (Please write at least two sentences.)

What was the article about? (Please write at least three sentences.)

Did you like the article? Why? Was any information missing? Was it well written? (Please write at least two sentences.)