

That's Criminality For You!

Discuss the following questions and statements with your partner giving grounds where necessary. Then do the role play.

1. How big a problem is criminality today in big cities? How about your own neighbourhood?
2. What are the most common crimes which are committed these days?
3. Some people destroy public property, e.g. public phones and bus stops. Why?
4. Where do you draw the line between lawful and unlawful acts? Is it okay to collect social security on false grounds (e.g. getting unemployment benefits while you're moonlighting) Think of other examples.
5. Today the law is lenient (=lievä, salliva) on car thieves. Should there be changes?
6. Should everyone have the right to carry a gun? Why / why not?
7. How far can you go in defending yourself against criminals? Are you for instance allowed to harm the creep who is attacking you?
8. How should we deal with juvenile delinquents (=young criminals)? Which correctional methods are okay?
9. What do you think of the police bugging suspects' phones (=listening to their phone conversations in secrecy)?
10. What kind of crimes can be committed with computers?

Role play

One of you is a **veteran, seasoned criminal** who is showing the ropes to an aspiring young novice. How would you advise a **newcomer** on how to successfully get away with ...

- a) a car theft
- b) robbing a bank
- c) hijacking a plane
- d) breaking into a house
- e) MURDER!
- f) stealing somebody's wallet

...and not get caught. in the process. How does one pull off a caper like this? Come up with a set of guidelines for a crook who is just starting his or her career.

© Markku Perälä

markku.perala@kiiminki.fi