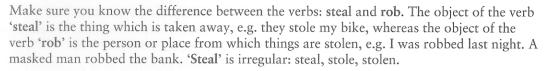
55 Crime



The table below gives the names of some other types of crimes together with their associated verbs and the name of the person who commits the crimes.

crime	definition	criminal	verb
murder shoplifting burglary smuggling	killing someone stealing something from a shop stealing from someone's home taking something illegally into another country	murderer shoplifter burglar smuggler	murder shoplift burgle smuggle
arson	setting fire to something in a criminal way	arsonist	to set fire to
kidnapping	taking a person hostage in exchange for money or other favours, etc.	kidnapper	kidnap

All the verbs in the table above on the right are regular apart from set (set, set, set).

Here are some more useful verbs connected with crime and law. Note that many of them have particular prepositions associated with them.

- to commit a crime or an offence: to do something illegal
- to accuse someone of a crime: to say someone is guilty
- to charge someone with (murder): to bring someone to court
- to plead guilty or not guilty: to swear in court that one is guilty or otherwise.
- to defend/prosecute someone in court: to argue for or against someone in a trial
- to pass verdict on an accused person: to decide whether they are guilty or not
- to sentence someone to a punishment: what the judge does after a verdict of guilty
- to acquit an accused person of a charge: to decide in court that someone is not guilty (the opposite of to convict someone)
- to fine someone a sum of money: to punish someone by making them pay
- to send someone to prison: to punish someone by putting them in prison
- to release someone from prison/jail: to set someone free after a prison sentence

to be tried: to have a case judged in court.

to convict so of Sth. to stove in a court that so is

Here are some useful nouns.

trial: the legal process in court whereby an accused person is investigated, or tried, and then found guilty or not guilty

case: a crime that is being investigated

evidence: information used in a court of law to decide whether the accused is guilty or not proof: evidence that shows conclusively whether something is a fact or not

verdict: the decision: guilty or not guilty

judge: the person who leads a trial and decides on the sentence

jury: group of twelve citizens who decide whether the accused is guilty or not