### **CRIMES, COURTS and OTHERS**

### **PERSONAL CRIMES**

#### Murder

To unlawfully and deliberately kill someone

# Manslaughter

Killing someone by accident through a careless or dangerous act

# **Kidnapping**

Taking somebody and demanding money (ransom) or conditions to free that person

### Rape

To violently attack a person sexually

#### Sexual assault

### **Battering**

To violently and physically abuse a person by striking repeatedly in order to cause injury

#### **PROPERTY CRIMES**

#### **Vandalism**

To willfully or maliciously destroy or deface public or private property

#### **Arson**

To set fire to a building in order to damage or destroy it

#### **Theft**

Stealing usually secretly and without violence

# **Shoplifting**

To steal things while pretending to shop

### Looting

To steal from shops or homes that have been damaged in a war, natural disaster, etc.

#### **Burglary**

To enter a building, often while no one is in it, and steal money or objects

#### Robbery

To steal (larceny - AE) from someone or somewhere by violence or threat (often from banks)

### Mugging

To take something by force from someone in a public space (street, park, etc.)

#### White collar crime

Financially motivated nonviolent crime committed by business and government professionals.

#### **Embezzling**

to appropriate (something, such as property entrusted to one's care) fraudulently to one's own use

### **Pickpocketing**

To steal from someone's pocket, etc. without them realizing

### Hijacking

To use force to take control of a plane, ship, train, etc.

#### Forgery

### **Smuggling**

To bring illegal goods, like drugs, into a country or to bring goods into a country without paying taxes

### **Bribery**

To give or take money or a favor in order to influence the judgement or conduct of a person

### **Fraud**

To deceive or cheat someone to get money

#### Con

To make someone believe something false, usually so that that person will give their money or possessions

#### **OTHERS**

### **Terrorism**

The use of violence such as bombing, shooting, etc. for political purposes

# **VERBS**

To sentence someone to (five years) in prison

To acquit / convict somebody of a crime

To charge someone with a crime: to formally accuse somebody of a crime

To take someone to court: to take legal action against somebody

To be cleared of all charges

To be convicted of a crime

To commit a crime

To be arrested for

To find someone guilty/not guilty of something

To fine someone (\$500)

To sue

To give evidence: to tell the court of law what you know about a crime

to settle out of court

To prosecute

To appeal

## **PEOPLE AND PLACES**

Witness

Jury

Judge

Prosecutor

Attorney (lawyer)

Suspect

Court

Trial

Stand

<u>Death penalty measures</u>: hanging, guillotine, lethal injection, beheading, firing squad, electrocution, stoning, gas chamber