Lesson 16. Crime Doesn't Pay

▶ All about crime, law, and order

▶ Multiple choice quiz

1 Language points

1) law-abiding - to abide by the law

2) to commit a crime / misdemeanor / felony

3) a suspect - to suspect - suspicious

4) to arrest - to take into custody - to press charges

5) witness - eye-witness - to witness

6) to testify - to give testimony

① law-abiding - to abide by the law

● to obey or follow the rules

▶ I can't believe Na-kyoung got arrested. I always thought she was such a law-abiding citizen.

▶ Richard always abides by the law. He even strictly respects the speed limits, which is a law that everyone breaks!

② to commit a crime / misdemeanor / felony

● crime is not a verb!

▶ Jenny has a perfectly clean record. She's never committed a crime in her life.

▶ Luckily they dropped the charges to a misdemeanor so he'll probably just have to do community service.

▶ Kenny now has a felony conviction on his record. He'll never get work now.

③ a suspect - to suspect - suspicious

● who the police think did it

▶ I heard on the news that the police now have a suspect for that double murder.

▶ The police suspect Scott for the stolen money.

▶ He looks very suspicious because he doesn't have a good alibi and he had blood on his shoes.

④ **to arrest – to take into custody – to press charges**

● now it's official, get the handcuffs!

▶ On Saturday night, Senator Davis was **arrested** and **taken into custody** for suspected corruption charges.

▶ The delinquent teenagers broke the car window, but the old couple said they wouldn't **press charges** if he promised to pay for the damage and mow their lawn five times.

⑤ **witness – eye-witness – to witness**

● eye-witness: actually saw the crime happen!

▶ Because John's boss had worked with him for 10 years, he was used as a character **witness** for the defense.

▶ This is an open-and-shut case. The police have two **eye-witnesses** for the burglary.

▶ Poor Mary Todd Lincoln **witnessed** the murder of her own husband.

⑥ **to testify- to give testimony**

● speak officially in front of police or court

▶ The witness **gave** a chilling **testimony** of the details of the murder as the court gasped.

▶ The prosecution wanted the child **to testify**, but the family objected since it was so traumatic.

2 Apply to the book

▶ <u>Pages 90, Activity B</u>

What should the punishment be? (case 1)

▶ <u>Sample answers</u>

I think that it's clear that Seung-wook should be *taken into custody*. He has not only *committed a misdemeanor* for disturbing the peace, but perhaps even *a felony* if he's broken her windows. If Soo-jin doesn't want *to press charges*, the police should decide if they would like to or not.

▶ <u>Pages 90, Activity B</u>

What should the punishment be? (case 3)

▶ **Sample answers**

This is a tough case, but I think the younger man should at least be charged with *a felony*. It depends on the *testimony* from the pregnant woman. As an *eye-witness*, she could *testify* that perhaps the young man was defending her. The drunkard at least *committed a misdemeanor* and should be fined for being drunk in public.

▶ **Page 92, Discussion**

Do you think Korea is a safe place to live?

▶ **Sample answers**

Compared to many other countries, I think Koreans are mostly *law-abiding* citizens, so the country is safe. Plus, when *crimes are committed*, they usually aren't violent crimes, so that makes me feel safe. Personally, I've only heard of violent crimes on TV and I've never actually *witnessed* any.

3 Review quiz

#1.

Otis _____ for burglary and now the police are _____. If the prosecution decides to go with a _____ charge, he could see jail time, or even prison time.

A. witnessed B. pressing charges C. misdemeanor D. takes into custody
E. was arrested F. felony

E, B, F

#2.

Adam _____ someone _____ a serious crime a few years ago. He had to _____ to the police, then _____ in court as an _____.

A. testify B. witness C. eye-witness D. commit E. give testimony
F. witnessed G. felony

F, D, E, A, C

#3.

Tom is the detective's chief _____ for the murder right now. His alibi is _____, but unfortunately there are no _____ that can _____.

A. give testimony B. suspicious C. press charges D. suspect
E. witnessed F. witnesses G. law-abiding

D, B, F, A