Crime & Punishment

Common questions

Part 1 - Is your country a safe country?
Part 1 - What do you think the most common crime in your country is?
Part 2 - Tell me about a time when you broke a rule.
Part 3 - What is the best way for police to keep neighborhoods safe?
Part 3 - What do you think makes people commit acts of violent crime?
Part 3 - Do you think that video games encourage young people to commit crimes?

Vocabulary and expressions

Court (n) - **a place where trials and other legal cases happen.**
He will go to court to hear the judges verdict.

Cybercrime (n) - **crime or illegal activity that is done using the internet.**
Cybercrime is a growing problem in my country.

Vandalism (n) - **The act of intentionally damaging public or private property.**
There is a lot of vandalism in my neighbourhood due to youths with nothing better to do.

Drink-driving (n) - **the act of driving a vehicle after drinking too much alcohol.**
Drink-driving has caused a number of deaths in my country.

Capital punishment (n) - **punishment by death, as ordered by a legal system.**
I personally do not agree that capital punishment should be used for dangerous criminals.

Corporal punishment (n) - **the punishment of people, especially children, by hitting them.**
Corporal punishment used to be common in school but it's not an option nowadays.

Detention (n) - **The punishment of being forced to stay in school after class ends.**
I had detention a lot when I was young; I don't think it was an effective punishment!

Prison sentence (n) - **The punishment of being forced to spend a period in prison.**
The criminal received a prison sentence of 5 years for his crime.

Terrorism (n) - **violent action for political purposes.**
Terrorism has become much more common in the past 10 years.

Petty crime (n) - **crime that is not considered serious compared with some other crimes.**
In my city, there is a lot of petty crime, such as theft and trespassing.

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