

Unit 12 Crime

Warm Up

Have you, or anyone else you know, been the victim of a crime? Work in small groups, and share your stories with your group members.

Communication Task

Discuss within your group and who the people are and what they are doing in the pictures below?



Reading

Lisa's Diary

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I had a horrible day yesterday and I thought I was about to die. At 8 pm, I was shopping alone at Mary's Jewelry Store and planning to buy a necklace for my mom's birthday. Then, four armed robbers wearing black ski masks suddenly rushed into the store. They threatened us with guns and forced us to give up our belongings. I freaked out and huddled in the corner. They asked the shopkeeper to open up the safe. Nobody was going to fight with the robbers because they had guns. I wished the police would come. I heard the sirens when the robbers were about to leave. I raised my head thinking the robbers might have run away. However, they came back into the store and one man looked straight at me as he approached me. I was terrified and lowered my head immediately. I felt him stop next to me. Suddenly, he grabbed my shoulder and pulled me up. The man put his hand around my neck and choked me. He then pointed the gun at my head and dragged me to the window. "Let us go!" He shouted at the cops with the gun pointed at my head. My mind went blank and I could not hear or see anything at that moment.

The robber kept yelling. I was being held as a hostage. The robber kept using the gun to hit my head. It hurt very much, but I was in such shock that I could not feel it. He dragged me back into the store. I wanted to cry, but I was too frightened to make a sound. Then I heard a gunshot and I fell on the floor. I thought I had been shot and could only think of my family. Then the police stormed in and one of them grabbed me saying, "She is alive!" The police and nurses sent me to St. Peter's Hospital to make sure I was okay. The cops told me that they had

shot the robber in his shoulder and all of the robbers had been arrested. I was still in such shock that I could not remember exactly what the police had told me.

I called Ron when I got to the hospital. I cried out when I heard his voice. I kept replaying the traumatic moments and horrifying possibilities over in my head. Ron promised me he would be there in a minute and he would protect me forever.

I know I will be safe now with my family.

Vocabulary Task

Complete the sentences below with correct form of the words in the box.

grab	immediate	arrest	threaten
drag	sudden	huddle	frighten

1. Lisa was _____ by the robbery.
2. Lisa was terrified and lowered her head to avoid the robbers _____.
3. The robbers were finally _____ by the police in the crime scene.
4. The robber _____ Lisa's shoulder and hit her with the gun.
5. Lisa was held as a hostage _____ by the robber.
6. Lisa _____ in the corner because she was terrified.
7. The robber _____ Lisa back into the store when he saw the police.
8. The robbers _____ the shopkeepers and customers with the gun in the store.

Comprehension Task

Place the activities in the order in which they happened.

- _____ Lisa was held as a hostage.
- _____ The robber had a negotiation with the police.
- _____ Lisa went to the jewelry store alone to buy a present.
- _____ Ron met Lisa at the hospital.
- _____ The police arrived at the crime scene.
- _____ Four armed robbers rushed into the jewelry store.
- _____ The police shot one of the robbers.
- _____ Lisa was sent to the hospital with the police.
- _____ One shopkeeper was forced to open up the safety case.

True or false?

- a. () Lisa was held as a hostage because she tried to fight with the robbers.
- b. () The robbers failed to escape from the crime scene and were caught by the police.
- c. () Lisa fell on the floor for being shot by the police.

- d. () The police felt sorry for what happened on Lisa.
e. () Ron is Lisa's family member.

Writing Task

Discuss with your partners and write down some advice for Lisa to encourage her.

Lisa, I think you did a great job handling that hostage situation. I wish I could be as brave as you.
I believe you will be fine.

Grammar Task

Choose one person in the box and write out things this person has said to you in reported speech. Then ask your partner to guess who that person is. Two have been done for you as examples.

Father		She told me dinner was ready and on the table.
Mother		He told me that I needed to improve my study habits.
Brother		
Sister		
Grandfather		
Grandmother		
Teacher		
Classmate		

Dialogue

This following conversation happens after the robbery. Ron is Lisa's brother. He meets his friend Sam by chance when he tries to call a taxi.

[Sam stops his car to say hi to Ron]

Sam: Hi, buddy. How's it going?

Ron: It's so good to see you, Sam! I really need some help! Can you drive me to St. Peter's hospital? I need to get there as soon as possible.

Sam: Sure. Come on, hop in.

Ron: Thanks a lot, buddy.

[In the car]

Sam: You look worried. Is there something wrong?

Ron: It's my sister Lisa. Five minutes ago, she called. She said she was taken to the hospital.

Sam: Oh my god! That's terrible. But I just saw her at Starbucks yesterday. She looked fine. What happened?

Ron: This afternoon, she said she would buy Mom a birthday present and asked me to go with her after dinner. I refused and went to a party, while she went to a jewelry store to pick a present. In the store, there was an armed robbery, and she was held as a hostage.

Sam: My goodness, she must have freaked out! Did she get hurt?

Ron: I'm not sure. She was crying on the phone, so I could not hear all of her words clearly. She told me she was totally scared and she said she would never go shopping again. I feel so guilty. I should have gone with her instead of going to the party.

Sam: It's not your fault. It was an accident. She is just frightened at the moment, and she will be fine. Don't worry.

Ron: Thanks buddy. Here's the hospital.

Comprehension Task

Role-play the conversation above.

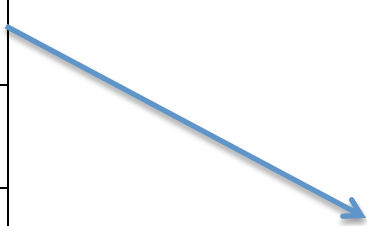
True or false?

- a. () Sam drives Ron to the hospital.
- b. () Lisa was sent to hospital by Sam.
- c. () Sam has never seen Lisa before.
- d. () Lisa went to the jewelry store with Ron.

Vocabulary Task

Match the vocabulary in the left column with a similar word in the right column.

by chance	Choose
as soon as possible	panic
freak out	By accident
pick	Scared
terrified	immediately



Communication Task

Work in pairs, ask and answer questions about the topics in the box below. Take some notes. Then find a new partner and tell one another what you learnt about your first partner.

sports	movies	restaurants	countries visited
voluntary experiences	yesterday's class	plans for tomorrow	

Example:

Student A to B	Student B to A	Student A to C
What kind of sports do you prefer?	Swimming.	I asked CoCo what kind of sports she liked and she said she liked swimming

Grammar Task

Choose the right answer to complete the sentences with reported speech.

- 1) Mary: "I went shopping."
 Mary said she ___ shopping."
 a. went
 b. had gone
 c. have gone

- 2) Mary: "It was raining earlier."
Mary said it _____ raining earlier.
a. rained
b. had been raining
c. was raining
- 3) "Can you help me with this box?"
Mary _____ me to help him with the box.
a. ordered
b. asked
c. warned
- 4) Mary: "When are you coming here?"
Mary asked me when _____.
a. was I going there
b. I was going here
c. I was going there
- 5) Mary: I will meet you in the café tomorrow.
Mary said she _____.
a. she would meet me at that café the next day
b. she will meet me at this café tomorrow
c. she will be meeting me at that café the next day

Listening

Listen twice to the conversation between two policemen. Then do the tasks.

Put the activities in the order in which they happened.

- _____ The kidnapper met the woman at 2 p.m.
- _____ Michael received a call from a woman.
- _____ The son of that woman had disappeared.
- _____ The speakers would go to the hospital after work.
- _____ The woman got a call from the kidnapper.
- _____ Michael was sent to the hospital.

Choose the right answer to complete the sentences with reported speech.

1. The kidnapper asked the woman to give him _____ in ransom money.
a. \$10,000
b. \$100,0000
c. \$100,000
2. Where did the kidnapper tell the woman to meet?
a. The coffee shop in a shopping mall
b. The entrance of the Center Park
c. The parking lot of a shopping mall

3. How did Michael get hurt?
- a. Shot by the kidnapper.
 - b. Hit by a car.
 - c. Fighting with the kidnapper.
4. When did the woman call for help?
- a. 9 p.m.
 - b. 9 a.m.
 - c. 2 p.m.
5. What time did the son disappear?
- a. About 5 p.m. two days ago
 - b. About 5 p.m. yesterday
 - c. About 9 a.m. two days ago

Communication Task

With your partner, create a conversation between Micheal and Ben in the hospital. This conversation should be about the kidnapping.

Grammar Task

Rewrite the sentences either in reported speech or direct speech.

- a. Mary said she would go to the museum the next day.

- b. "Bob did not attend the meeting a week ago," Jim told Linda.

- c. Jenny asked me how my day was.

- d. Phillip: "Does anyone have a watch here?"

e. Jim: "These books should be on sale."

Writing Task

May had an interview with the actress Claire White yesterday. Now she wants to write an article about this interview. Here is the script of the interview. Please help May to write the article using reported speech.

May: Hi, Claire! Nice to meet you. You look stunning today.

Claire: Thank you very much. It's nice to meet you, too.

May: You are a talented actress. Who inspired you to start acting?

Claire: Actually, it was my grandmother. She was a drama actress in 60s. She liked to take me to Broadway and taught me how to act.

May: What is the best thing about acting?

Claire: I like pretending to be others. I mean, I can enjoy different life styles as an actress. I think it is fun to do that since we can only live once.

May: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Claire: I have focused on TV dramas too much recently. I would love to turn to the big screen next year. I also like singing. Maybe I will make an album.

May: What would you be if you weren't an actress?

Claire: Probably an English teacher. I read a lot and I majored in education in college.

May: What's your own definition of happiness?

Claire: To do the things I enjoy everyday and get more laughter everyday.

May: Do you have anything to say to your fans?

Claire: Yep. I want to thank all the fans who encouraged me when others thought I wouldn't survive in the field. I know I need to work hard to prove that I can make it. Thanks to all the fans for supporting and believing in me.

May: Thank you for your time. Hope I will see you soon.

Claire: Sure, thank you.

Claire White is a stunning actress. She was inspired by her grandmother to start acting. She said

Grammar Awareness

Reported Speech

Reported speech is used commonly to tell people what someone else has done. Here are two examples of reported speech with the reporting verbs *say* and *tell* :

Ms. Lee *said* she had been teaching high school students for 20 years.

John *told* me he was going to see the movie last night.

There are more reporting verbs, such as *advise, suggest, agree, remind, warn, explain, refuse, decide, promise, admit, etc*

Do not forget to change the verb tense into past tense when using reported speech. Here is a chart showing more examples of switching between direct speech and reported speech.

	Direct speech	Reported speech
Simple present	I am a student.	He said he was a student.
Present continuous	I am having lunch with John.	He said he was having lunch with John.
Present perfect	I have been to New York twice.	He said he had been to New York twice.
Simple past	I saw Ken in the park.	He said he had seen Ken in the park.
Past continuous	I was talking to Smith.	He said he had been talking to Smith.
Past perfect	I had finished high school early.	He said he had finished high school early.
Future with will	I will go.	She said she would go.
Modal can	I can play piano.	She said she could play piano.
Modal must/have to	I must/have to leave by midnight.	She said she had to leave by midnight.
Future with going to	I am going to America.	She said she was going to America.

When we report yes/no questions, we use if or whether as the conjunction.

“Do you speak English?” , asked Amy.

Amy asked if/whether I spoke English.

When we don't change tense in reported speech:

Do not change the verb tense when we report something that is still true or relevant now, or when we use the reporting verb in present tense.

He said he has arranged a nice dinner.

He says he is coming to see me.

Modal verbs such as *could, might, would, should, ought, had better* usually do not always change tense while using reported speech .

He said he should meet me at 7:00 am.

We sometimes need to change the time and the position of place from direct speech to reported speech:

	Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Time	Today Now Yesterday Two days ago Last year Tomorrow Next month	Today/that day Now/then Yesterday/the day before yesterday Two days ago/two days before that Last year/the year before last Tomorrow/the day after tomorrow Next month/the following month
Place	Here This These	There That Those

Word Awareness

House → Arrest → Warrant

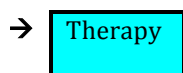
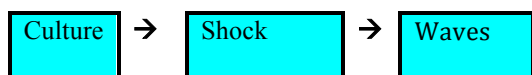
Cardiac

Under

A blind dissident under house arrest eludes his guards and reportedly heads into the U.S. embassy.

The man died of cardiac arrest at age of 99.

The court issued an arrest warrant on the suspect.

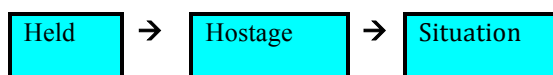


Chinese students could be forgiven if they experience culture shock in a place like northern Maine.

In one moment, there was nothing no music, no thoughts, just a pure electric shock of adrenaline.

The exploding chunks of coal and rock, or the shock waves alone, can be lethal.

Differences do persist, but there are features of the country's labour market that act as a kind of shock absorber.



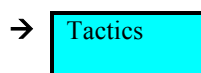
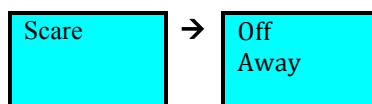
The former hostage told the BBC why he'd come to this conclusion.

But then her husband, the boss of an umbrella factory, is taken hostage by striking workers.

The government refused to yield to the hostage takers' demands.

Until the mid-70s, there were no openings for a career in hostage negotiation and even now the job description is fluid.

Pattern	Example
Be+held+hostage+by+NP	Were held hostage by terrorists



Most companies realize the law is unlikely to scare off the mob.

Many have raved about the secret power of conkers to scare away spiders, and even deter clothes moths.

His scare tactics did not work.

Words you need to know

accident (N) An unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury. 事故; 意外

anxious (Adj) Feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome. 焦虑的; 担忧的

apologise (BrE) **apologize** (AmE) (V) Express regret for something that one has done wrong. 道歉

arrest (V) Seize (someone) by legal authority and take into custody. 逮捕

crime scene (N) The place where an offense has been committed and forensic evidence may be gathered. 犯罪现场

drag (V) Pull (someone or something) along forcefully, roughly, or with difficulty. 拖拽

freak out Behave or cause to behave in a wild and irrational way, typically because of the effects of extreme emotion or drugs. 崩溃

frightened (Adj) Make (someone) afraid or anxious. 害怕的; 受惊吓的

grab (V) Grasp or seize suddenly and roughly. 霸占; 夺取

guilty (Adj) Culpable of or responsible for a specified wrongdoing. 内疚的

hostage (N) A person seized or held as security for the fulfillment of a condition. 人质

huddle (V) Crowd together; nestle closely. 挤作一团

immediately (Adv) At once; instantly. 立即地

kidnap (V) Abduct (someone) and hold them captive, typically to obtain a ransom 绑架

negotiation (N) Discussion aimed at reaching an agreement. 谈判