

7 Law and order

Glossary

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7.1 law and order (expr) /lɔː ənd 'ɔːdə(r)/
the situation in which people obey laws and rules • *It is the job of the police to maintain law and order.* ❖ ordine pubblico

7.2 Yeoman Warder (n) /jəʊmən 'wɔːdə(r)/
a guard at the Tower of London • *Yeoman Warders have been guarding this tower for more than 500 years.* ❖ guardia reale

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7.3 bird of paradise (n) /bɜːd əv 'pærədəis/
a bird with very brightly coloured feathers, found mainly in New Guinea • *Most people find birds of paradise very exciting.* ❖ uccello del paradiso

7.4 hook (n) /hʊk/
a curved piece of metal or plastic used for hanging things on or catching fish • *You can hang your coat on the hook behind the door.* ❖ uncino

7.5 artificial (adj) /ɑːtɪfɪʃəl/
not natural, made by people • *Those are artificial flowers; you don't need to water them!* ❖ artificiale

7.6 feather (n) /feðə(r)/
one of the many soft, light parts that cover a bird's body • *The bird had grey and black feathers.* ❖ piuma

7.7 smash (v) /smæʃ/
break sth into many small pieces • *He smashed the window with a brick and escaped.* ❖ frantumare

7.8 stuffed (adj) /stʌft/
(of birds or animals) filled with special material so that it looks the same as when it was alive • *She had a stuffed dog that looked like it was sleeping.* ❖ impagliato

7.9 priceless (adj) /'praɪsləs/
so valuable that you can't calculate its price • *Their collection of Chinese vases is priceless.* ❖ senza prezzo ☞ Opp: valueless, worthless

7.10 break into (phr v) /breɪk ɪntə/
enter (a building) or open (a car) by force, usually in order to steal things • *They broke into the flat through the window and took everything!* ❖ entrare, scassinare ☞ Syn: burgle

7.11 collector (n) /kə'lektə(r)/
sb who collects valuable or interesting things • *The painting was sold to a collector for a million dollars.* > collect (v), collection (n) ❖ collezionista

7.12 check (sth) out (phr v) /tʃek ('sʌmθɪŋ) aʊt/
examine sth (a place or an object) in order to learn about it • *We need to check out the restaurant before we book a table.* ❖ controllare, verificare

7.13 break-in (n) /'breɪkɪn/
the act of entering a building illegally usually by damaging a door or window • *Sam has been acting weirdly after the break-in. I think he's worried it'll happen again.* > break in (phr v) ❖ ingresso tramite scasso

7.14 go off (phr v) /gəʊ ɒf/
start to ring loudly or make a loud noise • *The alarm will go off if it detects smoke.* ❖ scattare

7.15 security guard (n) /sɪ'kjʊəɪti ɡɑːd/
someone whose job is to protect a building, a person or money from attacks or danger • *The security guards didn't let anyone enter the building.* ❖ vigilante

7.16 contribute (v) /kən'trɪbjʊt/
give sth (usually money) to help sb achieve sth • *My family contributed 100 pounds to the earthquake fund.* > contribution (n), contributor (n) ❖ contribuire

7.17 mercury (n) /'mɜːkjəri/
a heavy, silver coloured liquid metal • *Mercury was used in old thermometers.* ❖ mercurio

7.18 blow a hole in sth (expr) /bləʊ ə hæʊl ɪn 'sʌmθɪŋ/
cause serious damage or harm to sth • *She blew a hole in my argument when she said the data I used weren't correct.* ❖ sgonfiare, far crollare

7.19 raise a question (expr) /reɪz ə 'kwɛstʃn/
ask a question that you feel should be dealt with • *They raised a lot of questions about the new rules.* ❖ sollevare una domanda

7.20 eggshell (n) /'egʃəl/
the hard outside covering of an egg • *There were bits of broken eggshell in my omelette.* ❖ guscio d'uovo

7.21 commit (v) /kə'mɪt/
do sth wrong or illegal • *He committed a number of crimes before the police caught him.* > commission (n) ❖ commettere

7.22 wonder (n) /'wʌndə(r)/
a feeling of great surprise and admiration • *Looking at the night sky always fills me with wonder.* > wonder (v), wonderful (adj) ❖ meraviglia

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- 7.23 accuse** (v) /ə'kju:z/ say that sb has done sth wrong or illegal • *He accused me of lying, but I was telling the truth.* > accuser (n), accusation (n) ❖ accusare
- 7.24 suspect** (v) /sə'spekt/ believe that sb has done sth wrong or illegal • *The police suspect him of selling stolen goods.* > suspect (n), suspicion (n), suspicious (adj) ❖ sospettare
- 7.25 fine** (n) /faɪn/ an amount of money that you have to pay if you don't obey a rule or law • *You have to pay a fine if you return books to the library late.* > fine (v) ❖ multa
- 7.26 guilty** (adj) /'gɪlti/ responsible for breaking the law • *He was found guilty and was sent to prison.* > guilt (n) ❖ colpevole 📖 Opp: innocent
- 7.27 speed** (v) /spi:d/ drive faster than the speed limit • *The police stopped him for speeding as he was 20 miles over the speed limit.* ❖ velocizzare
- 7.28 sentence** (n) /'sentəns/ the punishment you get for doing sth illegal • *He got a three-year prison sentence for his crime.* > sentence (v) ❖ frase
- 7.29 confess** (v) /kən'fes/ admit that you have done sth wrong or illegal • *She confessed that she had stolen the money.* > confession (n) ❖ confessare
- 7.30 trial** (n) /traɪəl/ the procedure of examining the evidence in a court to decide if someone is guilty or not • *The defence called a number of witnesses in the trial.* > try (v) ❖ processo
- 7.31 break the law** (expr) /breɪk ðe lɔ:/ do sth illegal • *You broke the law, so now you must be punished.* ❖ infrangere la legge
- 7.32 court** (n) /kɔ:t/ the place where crimes are judged • *They didn't have enough evidence to bring the case to court.* ❖ tribunale
- 7.33 take (sb) to court** (expr) /teɪk (sʌmbədi) tə kɔ:t/ take legal action against sb • *They said they would take me to court if I didn't pay by the end of the week.* ❖ portare in tribunale
- 7.34 burglary** (n) /'bɜ:gləri/ the crime of breaking into a building and stealing things • *The police are investigating two burglaries in our building.* > burgle (v), burglar (n) ❖ furto in appartamento
- 7.35 investigation** (n) /ɪn'vestrɪ'geɪʃn/ the act of examining sth carefully to discover the truth • *All the people that were present during the crime are under investigation.* > investigate (v), investigator (n) ❖ indagine
- 7.36 scene** (n) /si:n/ the place where sth happened • *The police arrived at the scene of the crime immediately.* ❖ scena
- 7.37 suspicious** (adj) /sə'spɪʃəs/ making you feel that sth is wrong or illegal • *If you see anything suspicious, you should inform the police immediately.* > suspect (v), suspicion (n), suspect (n) ❖ sospetto
- 7.38 fingerprint** (n) /'fɪŋgəprɪnt/ the mark made by the pattern of lines on the tip of sb's finger, which can identify that person • *The criminal left his fingerprints on the gun, so the police caught him.* ❖ impronta digitale
- 7.39 windowsill** (n) /'wɪndəʊsɪl/ a shelf just below a window • *He's got a couple of plants in pots on the windowsill.* ❖ davanzale
- 7.40 innocent** (adj) /'ɪnəsənt/ not guilty • *He said that he was innocent, but I knew he had committed the crime.* > innocence (n) ❖ innocente
- 7.41 suspect** (n) /'sʌspekt/ a person that is believed to have done sth wrong or to have committed a crime • *The police are investigating a number of suspects.* ❖ sospettato
- 7.42 eventually** (adv) /ɪ'ventʃʊəli/ at the end of a period of time • *Our train eventually arrived two hours later.* ❖ finalmente
- 7.43 arrest** (n) /ə'rest/ the act of taking sb to a police station and keeping them there because they could be guilty of a crime • *The police finally made an arrest after a very long investigation.* > arrest (v) ❖ arresto
- 7.44 case** (n) /keɪs/ a person, problem or series of events that the police are dealing with • *Detective Madsen is responsible for the case of the missing child.* ❖ caso
- 7.45 jury** (n) /'dʒʊəri/ a group of people who listen to all the facts in a trial and decide if a person is innocent or guilty • *Members of the jury must listen to everyone and try to be objective.* ❖ giuria
- 7.46 proof** (n) /pru:f/ facts or information that show sth is true • *They all believe she is guilty, but they don't have any proof.* > prove (v) ❖ prova

- 7.47 sentence** (v) /'sentəns/
state the punishment given to a guilty person in a trial • *The judge sentenced the thief to two years in prison.* ❖ condannare
- 7.48 graffiti** (n) /grə'fi:ti/
words and/or drawings on walls in public places • *The front wall of the building was covered with graffiti.* ❖ murales
- 7.49 robbery** (n) /'rɒbəri/
the crime of stealing from a person, bank or shop • *There have been three bank robberies in the area recently.* > rob (v), robber (n)
❖ furto
- 7.50 community service** (n) /kə,mju:nəti 'sɜ:vɪs/
work that you do without payment to help other people • *The judge ordered him to perform 100 hours of community service and pay the costs of the trial.* ❖ lavoro socialmente utile
- 7.51 offence** (n) /ə'fens/
an illegal act • *Parking on double yellow lines is an offence.* > offend (v), offender (n)
❖ violazione
- 7.52 import** (v) /ɪm'pɔ:t/
bring a product or service from another country into the country • *Many European countries import cars from Japan.* > import (n)
❖ importare 📦 Opp: export

Crime-related collocations

accuse sb of a crime	find sb guilty / innocent
break the law	of a crime
commit a crime / an offence	investigate a crime
confess to a crime	receive a sentence
do / perform community service	suspect sb of a crime
	take sb to court
	try sb in court

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- 7.53 vandal** (n) /'vændl/
a person who deliberately damages other people's property • *The vandals threw stones at the building.* > vandalise (v), vandalism (n)
❖ vandalo
- 7.54 burgle** (v) /'bɜ:gl/
break into a building and steal • *Since we were burgled, I don't sleep well.* > burglary (n), burglar (n) ❖ svaligiare
- 7.55 repay** (v) /rɪ'peɪ/
pay back • *He repaid his mother the money that she had lent him.* ❖ ripagare
- 7.56 officer** (n) /'ɒfɪsə(r)/
a member of the police • *Two officers arrived five minutes after I called 112.* ❖ ufficiale

- 7.57 bystander** (n) /'baɪ,stændə(r)/
a person who sees sth that is happening but does not take part • *She did nothing; she remained a bystander throughout the scene.* ❖ spettatore, passante
- 7.58 hijack** (v) /'haɪdʒæk/
take control of an aircraft or other vehicle by force • *Three armed men hijacked the plane and demanded a million euros.* > hijacking (n), hijacker (n) ❖ dirottare
- 7.59 ransom** (n) /'rænsəm/
a sum of money that a criminal demands in exchange for sb/sth they have taken • *As soon as the ransom was paid, the teenager was set free.* ❖ riscatto
- 7.60 raging** (adj) /'reɪdʒɪŋ/
very strong or extreme • *I rushed to the dentist with a raging toothache.* ❖ violento
- 7.61 be familiar with** (phr) /bi: fə'mɪliə wɪð/
know sb/sth well • *I am familiar with this software, I've used it many times.* ❖ conoscere, avere familiarità
- 7.62 uncover** (v) /ʌn'kʌvə(r)/
discover sth hidden or secret • *The investigation uncovered evidence that she was not guilty.* ❖ scoprire
- 7.63 suspend** (v) /sə'spend/
stop for a short time or for ever • *The ferry service has been suspended because of the storm.* > suspension (n) ❖ sospendere

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- 7.64 attitude** (n) /'ætɪtʃu:d/
a feeling or opinion about sb/sth • *She has a very serious attitude to learning; she doesn't think learning can be fun.* ❖ atteggiamento
- 7.65 co-operation** (n) /kəʊ,pə'reɪʃn/
the act of working together • *The school emphasised the need for co-operation between teachers and parents.* > co-operate (v), co-operative (adj) ❖ cooperazione
- 7.66 attacker** (n) /ə'tækə(r)/
a person who uses violence to hurt sb else • *The police arrested her attacker and charged him with attempted murder.* > attack (n, v)
❖ aggressore
- 7.67 sympathetic** (adj) /sɪmpə'tetɪk/
showing that you understand and care about the problems of sb else • *She was very sympathetic when she found out I was ill.* > sympathise (v), sympathy (n) ❖ empatico

- 7.68** **police van** (n) /pə'li:s væn/
a vehicle used by the police for the transport of prisoners • *The suspects were thrown into the police van.* ❖ furgone della polizia
- 7.69** **on horseback** (phr) /ɒn 'hɔ:sbæk/
riding a horse • *The remote village can only be reached on horseback.* ❖ a cavallo

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- 7.70** **satisfying** (adj) /'sætɪsfɑɪɪŋ/
pleasant because it provides sth you need
• *I hope you will find your stay here a satisfying experience.* ❖ soddisfacente, piacevole
- 7.71** **demanding** (adj) /dɪ'mɑ:ndɪŋ/
that needs a lot of your time and energy • *It's a very demanding job, but it is also very well paid.* ❖ esigente, faticoso
- 7.72** **forensic** (adj) /fə'renzɪk/
connected with the scientific methods police use to solve crimes • *Forensic evidence has shown that there was a large amount of poison in the victim's stomach.* ❖ forense
- 7.73** **on balance** (phr) /ɒn 'bæləns/
after considering all the facts and views • *We may have had some problems, but, on balance, it hasn't been a bad year.* ❖ tutto considerato

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- 7.74** **install** (v) /ɪn'stɔ:l/
put (a machine, piece of equipment, computer program) into its proper position and make it ready to use • *I installed a new antivirus program on my computer.* > installation (n)
❖ installare
- 7.75** **victim** (n) /'vɪktɪm/
sb that has been hurt, has suffered or has been killed because of the actions of sb else or because of illness or a disaster • *The victim of the attack suffered injuries to his face and arms.* ❖ vittima
- 7.76** **order** (v) /'ɔ:də(r)/
tell sb to do sth • *The officer ordered the thief to put down his weapon.* > order (n)
❖ ordinare
- 7.77** **fit** (v) /fɪt/
put or fix something in its right position • *They have fitted burglar alarms to all the doors and windows.* ❖ installare
- 7.78** **account** (n) /ə'kaʊnt/
an arrangement with a bank to keep your money there • *I paid the money they gave me into my bank account.* ❖ conto

- 7.79** **knock (sth) down** (phr v) /nɒk ('sʌmθɪŋ) daʊn/
destroy and remove a wall or building • *It only took us a couple of hours to knock down the wall between the kitchen and the living room.*
❖ demolire
- 7.80** **defend** (v) /dɪ'fend/
act as a lawyer for sb that has been accused and try to prove that they are innocent
• *The mafia boss has employed the country's top lawyers to defend him.* > defence (n), defendant (n) ❖ difendere
- 7.81** **criminal record** (n) /,krɪmɪnl 'rekɔ:d/
an official record of any crimes a person has committed • *It wasn't at all easy for him to find a job because of his criminal record.*
❖ precedente penale
- 7.82** **personal assistant** (n) /'pɜ:sənl ə'sɪstənt/
sb whose job is to help sb in a higher position (for example, by answering calls and emails, arranging meetings, etc.) • *I'm afraid you can't talk to the President, but I'll put you through to her personal assistant.* ❖ assistente personale

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- 7.83** **burn (sth) down** (phr v) /bɜ:n ('sʌmθɪŋ) daʊn/
destroy sth by fire • *The fire burned the building down completely.* ❖ distruggere, radere al suolo
- 7.84** **run away** (phr v) /rʌn ə'weɪ/
leave a place quickly • *The thief took the money and ran away before we could do anything.* ❖ scappare
- 7.85** **see through** (phr v) /si: θru:/
realise the truth about sb/sth without being deceived • *She pretended to be very friendly, but luckily I saw through her right from the start.* ❖ capire, vedere sotto la vera luce
- 7.86** **see to** (phr v) /si: tə/
do sth that has to be done • *I got my personal assistant to see to all the arrangements for the meeting.* ❖ occuparsi
- 7.87** **pretend** (v) /prɪ'tend/
behave as if something is true although you know that it is not • *I pretended to be asleep, but heard everything that they said.*
> pretence (n) ❖ fingere
- 7.88** **vandalise** (v) /'vændəlaɪz/
damage public property without a good reason
• *A group of young people vandalised the statues with paint.* > vandal (n), vandalism (n)
❖ compiere atti vandalici
- 7.89** **bus shelter** (n) /'bʌs 'feltə(r)/
a bus stop with a roof • *It was raining, so I waited in a bus shelter.* ❖ pensilina
- 7.90** **siren** (n) /'saɪərən/

a device that makes a long loud sound
 • *All the cars stopped at the sound of the ambulance siren.* ❖ sirena

- 7.91 deliberately** (adv) /dɪ'lɪbəreɪtli/
 in a planned way, not by accident • *She deliberately avoided answering the question as she didn't want to tell the truth.* > deliberate (adj) ❖ deliberatamente
- 7.92 keep an eye on** (expr) /ki:p ən aɪ ɒn/
 watch sb/sth to make sure that there are no problems • *Can you keep an eye on your little sister while I'm out?* ❖ tenere d'occhio
- 7.93 make a fool of myself** (expr) /meɪk ə fu:l əv maɪ'self/
 behave in a way that makes other people think you are stupid • *He didn't think before he spoke and quickly made a fool of himself.* ❖ rendersi ridicoli
- 7.94 lose track of** (expr) /lu:z træk əv/
 not be able to find any more information about what is happening or where sb/sth is • *I lost track of him after he moved to Australia.* ❖ perdere le tracce di
- 7.95 change my ways** (expr) /tʃeɪndʒ maɪ weɪz/
 improve those aspects of your behaviour that aren't good • *He was often in trouble with the police when he was younger, but now he's changed his ways.* ❖ cambiare, migliorarsi
- 7.96 give (sth) a go** (expr) /gɪv ('sʌmθɪŋ) ə ɡəʊ/
 make an attempt, try sth • *I'm not sure her advice is good, but I'll give it a go.* ❖ provare
- 7.97 couldn't care less** (expr) /kʊdnt keə les/
 not care at all • *He said he will never speak to me again, but I couldn't care less.* ❖ non potrebbe importarmene meno
- 7.98 justice is done** (expr) /'dʒʌstɪs ɪz dʌn/
 people are treated/punished fairly • *They went to prison for ten years so justice was done.* ❖ giustizia è fatta
- 7.99 faulty** (adj) /'folti/
 not made correctly and/or not working correctly
 • *The machine was faulty, so we returned it.*
 ❖ guasto

Phrasal verbs

break into sth	knock sth down
burn sth down	let sb off
check sth out	run away
clean sth up	see through sb/sth
go off	see to sth

- 7.100 transactional** (adj) /træn'zækʃənəl/
 communicating for a specific purpose • *The aim of the letter is transactional, as the writer wants the reader to do something for her.* > transaction (n) ❖ transazionale
- 7.101 discursive** (adj) /dɪ'skɜ:sɪv/
 involving discussion of views and opinions
 • *In a discursive essay, you should present your views on a topic.* ❖ digressivo
- 7.102 litter** (n) /'lɪtə(r)/
 pieces of rubbish that people have left on the ground in a public place • *The streets were very dirty and full of litter.* > litter (v) ❖ rifiuti
- 7.103 force** (n) /fɔ:s/
 a group of people organised for a particular purpose • *Jane is a member of our sales force.* ❖ forza
- 7.104 inspect** (v) /ɪn'spekt/
 look at sb/sth carefully to check that everything is OK • *She inspected the car before she bought it.* > inspection (n), inspector (n) ❖ ispezionare
- 7.105 firmly** (adv) /'fɜ:mli/
 strongly • *'I am never going to accept that,' he said firmly.* ❖ fermamente
- 7.106 appreciate** (v) /ə'prɪ:ʃieɪt/
 be thankful for • *I appreciate all your efforts to help me.* > appreciation (n) ❖ apprezzare
- 7.107 flexible** (adj) /'fleksəbl/
 able to change easily depending on the situation • *Our plans are quite flexible, so feel free to tell us if you think something should change.* > flexibility (n) ❖ flessibile
- 7.108 hear from** (phr v) /hɪə frəm/
 get a letter, email or phone call from sb • *I hadn't heard from her for ages and suddenly she called me this morning.* ❖ sentire (qualcuno)
- 7.109 sincerely** (adv) /sɪn'sɪəli/
 honestly • *I sincerely apologise for my mistake.* ❖ sinceramente

LOOK!

We can use the phrases *Yours faithfully* and *Yours sincerely* at the end of a formal letter or email, before our signature or our name. We use *Yours faithfully* when we don't know the recipient and *Yours sincerely* when we know the recipient.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Dear Ms Cavill,

...

...

Yours faithfully,

Yours sincerely,

Jane Morton

Jane Morton

- 7.110 reckon** (v) /'rekən/
think or believe • *I reckon you've already told them about the problem.* ❖ *supporre*
- 7.111 faithfully** (adv) /'feɪθfəli/
truly and accurately • *I followed her instructions as faithfully as I could.*
❖ *fedelmente*
- 7.112 charge** (v) /tʃɑ:dʒ/
ask for money for a service • *I think 100 euros is too much to charge for a simple haircut.*
❖ *far pagare, addebitare*
- 7.113 fee** (n) /fi:/
a sum of money you pay for a service
• *I had to pay quite a large fee to the lawyer.*
❖ *costo*
- 7.117 survey** (n) /'sɜ:veɪ/
an examination of people's opinions that you make by asking them questions • *They are conducting a survey to find out the customers' views on the services they provide.* ➤ *survey* (v) ❖ *indagine, sondaggio*
- 7.118 set (sth) aside** (phr v) /set ('sʌmθɪŋ) ə'saɪd/
keep sth so that you can use it later for a particular purpose • *I try to set aside a couple of hours a day for exercise.* ❖ *mettere da parte*
- 7.119 stick to** (phr v) /stɪk tə/
continue trying to do sth even if it is difficult
• *I find it hard to stick to a diet, but I know that I must.* ❖ *restare costanti*

Live well, study well

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- 7.114 go with the flow** (expr) /gəʊ wɪð ðə fləʊ/
be relaxed and do what seems to be the easiest thing to do • *I think you should stop complaining and just go with the flow.*
❖ *lasciarsi trasportare*
- 7.115 flow** (n) /fləʊ/
the continuous movement of sth in the same direction • *The police were trying to improve the traffic flow.* ➤ *flow* (v) ❖ *flusso*
- 7.116 voluntary** (adj) /'vɒləntəri/
done willingly and without getting paid • *She does voluntary work at the local hospital once a week.* ➤ *volunteer* (n, v), *voluntarily* (adv)
❖ *volontario, di volontariato*