

Verbs for crimes

1. Match the parts of words and phrases. Then write the complete words and phrases below.

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| 1. vanda | a. into | <u>vandalize</u> |
| 2. shop | b. pocket | _____ |
| 3. pick | c. lift | _____ |
| 4. cheat | d. lize | _____ |
| 5. break | e. someone | _____ |

2. Look at the pictures. Complete the statements with the present continuous form of the verbs.



Some kids are vandalizing someone's home.



Someone is robbing a man at an ATM.



Two people are scolding a teenager.



A woman is stealing the man's phone.



The woman is taking a blouse.



A guy is snatching the woman's purse.

3. Complete the newspaper reports with the correct verbs for crimes.

Burglars (1) broke into into a downtown apartment last night and (2) _____ jewelry worth over \$50,000. They also (3) _____ three works of art by spraying paint over them.

The police is warning tourists to be careful when they visit the city. It advises tourists not to keep their wallets in their back pockets, because it makes it easy for thieves to (4) _____ them. It is warning women to hold on to their purses as they walk along, because thieves will sometimes run past and try to (5) _____ them. It is also warning that some thieves will try to (6) _____ tourists as they take money out of ATMs. Finally, it is advising tourists to be careful about who they give money to. "There are a lot of people who want to (7) _____ tourists, for example by offering them tours that don't exist."