

CRIME

1) Match the vocabulary with the definitions:

court criminal jail judge policeman sentence thief victim witness

- _____ Someone who arrests criminals
- _____ someone who has a crime committed against them
- _____ someone who commits a crime
- _____ someone who sees a crime or accident
- _____ someone who decides if a criminal is guilty or innocent, and decides on the punishment
- _____ someone who steals things
- _____ a place where criminals are kept
- _____ a place where it is decided if someone is innocent or guilty of a crime
- _____ a criminal's punishment

2) Read the news story about a stupid car thief:

Last week a New York man was sent to jail for stealing an ambulance. The unusual car theft happened while the ambulance drivers were in a house helping an assault victim. When they came out of the house with their patient, they noticed the ambulance was gone and realized someone had stolen it.

Because the ambulance was missing, the assault victim was driven to the hospital by a neighbor's car. She was later released from the hospital with no serious injuries. The ambulance was found the next day in a shopping mall parking lot.

Unfortunately for this criminal, The crime was witnessed by several people who were on the street at the time. Also, a wallet that was dropped in the ambulance lead police directly to his house. The thief, Leonard Smith, 21, was arrested after a short chase by the police. He was charged with theft last Wednesday in court and pled "guilty". He was called "the stupidest car thief in New York" by the judge and was then sentenced to six months in jail.

3) Which sentence sounds better? Why?

A judge sent the man to jail.

The man was sent to jail.

Police arrested the thief.

The thief was arrested.

