Activity 1
What happens when someone commits a crime? Put the following activities in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

The convict is released on parole
1. The criminal commits a crime
   The criminal goes to court
   The criminal goes to prison
   The criminal is released on bail
   The judge passes sentence
   The jury finds the suspect guilty
   The jury listens to the evidence
   The jury reaches a verdict
   The police arrest the suspect
   The police charge the criminal
   The police investigate
   The trial starts

Activity 2
Put the following words into the correct column, depending on which syllable is stressed. Look at the examples first.

police  arrest  commit  jury  verdict  prison  parole  suspect (n)  suspect (vb)
release  convict (n)  convict (vb)  guilty  justice

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Activity 3
Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Have you ever witnessed a crime? Do you know anyone who has been the victim of a crime?
2. What do you think of the police, the courts and the prisons in your country? What do you think should be done to improve them?
3. Do you think there is more crime than in the past or less? Why? What do you think will happen in the future?
4. Should police officers be paid more? Would higher salaries discourage corruption in the police?
5. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of being a police officer?
6. What punishments, apart from imprisonment, are carried out in your country?
7. How should young offenders be dealt with? Should they be sent to prison?
8. What do you think about the death penalty?
9. If you found out that a member of your family had committed a crime, what would you do?
10. Would you like to be a police officer? Why/not?
Activity 4
Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Who were the Bow Street Runners?
2. In which year did Sir Robert Peel set up the London Metropolitan Police Force?
3. Why are the police in Britain sometimes called Bobbies?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 5

'Should young criminals (under 18) be sent to prison?'

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Discussion’ icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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