

All rise please

1. Match the crime idioms to their definitions and then complete the sentences with the missing idioms. When you have finished compare with your classmates and then underline and rate the crimes in 1-11 from the most (1) to the least (11) serious one.

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| 1. A stool pigeon | a) A police informer |
| 2. In cold blood | b) To discover someone while they are doing something illegal |
| 3. To catch someone red-handed | c) To ignore something that you know is wrong |
| 4. To cook the books | d) To punish someone to put a situation right |
| 5. To do a runner | e) To spend time in prison |
| 6. To do time | f) To steal freely from someone |
| 7. To have your hand in the till | g) To alter figures or facts illegally |
| 8. To pull a fast one (on someone) | h) To leave or escape |
| 9. To rob someone blind | i) To steal money from one's employer |
| 10. To take the law into one's own hands | j) To succeed in an act of deception |
| 11. To turn a blind eye to | k) Without mercy |

1. John had never _____ for dealing drugs.
2. They were arrested after _____ from an expensive Spanish restaurant.
3. Ben went to jail for _____ at his office.
4. Tom was stealing the car when the police drove by and _____ him _____.
5. Managers often _____ bullying in the workplace.
6. The shoplifter was pinned to the ground by angry locals who _____ until police arrived.
7. He found out his trusted cleaner had been _____ him _____ for months.
8. The boss fired him because he was caught with his _____.
9. The woman killed her husband _____ when she found him in bed with another woman.
10. He was killed by a gangster because he was thought to be a _____.
11. She was _____ when she called the office and said she had a migraine. I saw her out with friends in the evening.

2. Answer the questions below in **RANDOM** order and in as little detail as possible. When you have finished cut the paper along the dotted line and give your answers to one of your classmates.

1. In what situation could **taking the law into one's own hands** be justified?
2. Have you ever been **robbed blind**?
3. Have you ever **done a runner**?
4. What do you think makes someone kill a person **in cold blood**?
5. What do you think makes a **stool pigeon** effective?
6. What would you do if you were **caught red-handed** doing something illegal?
7. What would you do if you suspected one of your employees **had their hand in the till**?
8. If you had your own business, would you **cook the books** if you knew you could get away with it?
9. Has anyone ever **pulled a fast one** on you?
10. Are there any advantages of **doing time**?
11. What do you think makes people **turn a blind eye** to human suffering?

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