

IELTS Speaking & Writing Vocabulary

Crime

Causes of crime and re-offending:

- Many prisoners re-offend when they are released.
- The main causes of crime are poverty, unemployment and lack of education.
- Offenders mix with other criminals who can be a negative influence.
- People who commit crimes often have no other way of making a living.
- The prison system can make the situation worse.
- A criminal record makes finding a job more difficult.

Possible measures to reduce crime and re-offending:

- Community service is another way to reform offenders.
- Prisons should provide education or vocational training.
- They might be required to talk to school groups or clean public areas.
- Rehabilitation programmes prepare prisoners for release into society.
- It makes offenders useful in their local communities.
- Offenders also need help when looking for accommodation and work.

commit crimes

serve a term

reformed individuals

ex-prisoners

past criminal records

get into crime

commit crimes like burglary, extortion, robbery and blackmailing

enforce strong vocational training

prisoners should be counselled by psychologists

reformed criminals

place people in prison for longer periods

offenders

a prison sentence

rehabilitate a prisoner

commit a serious offence such as assault

re-educated

re-offend

longer prison sentences will act as a deterrent for someone who is thinking of committing a crime

to deter crime

mix with other criminals

long prison sentences

normal, productive members of society

break the law

Reformed offenders

reformed criminals

deter teenagers from committing crimes

Crime rate has increased manifold these days.

many convicts tend to repeat crimes

get released from jail

an employee with criminal record

ex-convicts

jail inmates

prevent them from committing crimes again

The government should organise schemes that provide financial assistance

Constant psychological counselling is necessary for ...

to rehabilitate ex-criminals

to prevent them from committing further crimes

Police and Crime Prevention

The job of the polices is to catch criminals.

They must also prevent crime and make communities safer.

There should be an increase in the number of police officers on the streets.

They should be involved with education and prevention.

They should focus on young people who have dropped out of school.

Punishments/Prisons

Fines are used as punishment for minor crimes.

If the crime is more serious, prison is the most common punishment.

Some criminals pose a threat to society.

They are put in prison to ensure the safety of other citizens.

Negatives of Prisons

Criminals make friends with other offenders.

Many prisoners re-offend when they are released.

A criminal record makes finding a job more difficult.

Rehabilitation

Prisoners receive education or vocational training

Prisoners should learn personal skills and specific job skills

Punishment could make prisoners' behavior worse

Rehabilitation aims to make them better citizens

Rehabilitated prisoners are less likely to re-offend

Capital punishment

Supporters say that capital punishment deters crime

Fear of the death penalty stops people from committing offences

The death penalty shows that crime is not tolerated It is a form of revenge

The cost of imprisonment is avoided

The offender cannot pose a threat to others

Against Capital Punishment

Innocent people could be wrongly convicted and executed
Crime rates are not necessarily reduced
Many criminals do not think they will be caught
Capital punishment is not a good deterrent
Executing prisoners creates a violent culture and encourages revenge
We have no right to take another human life

Community service

Community service is a way to reform offenders
It could be a solution to prison overcrowding
It avoids the cost of imprisonment
It makes offenders useful in their local communities
They are required to clean streets or talk to school groups
Offenders repay their community
They avoid the negative influence that prison can have
Against community service
Community service is not a sufficient punishment
Criminals should be locked up, away from their victims

Crime in the Media

Crime is one of the main subjects of most news programs.
The mass media focus on violent and sensational crimes
This lead to fear of crime among the public
Sensational stories attract more viewers or readers
The media report crime stories in order to increase their audience

Prison is the best punishment for criminals. Do you agree or disagree?

READ THIS ESSAY AND CHOOSE GOOD WORDS FOR YOUR ESSAY:

These days, every time you turn on the television or flick through the pages of a newspaper, you learn about the victims of crime. But what is the most effective method of dealing with the rising crime rate in our society? Some people believe the best way to punish criminals is to sentence them to time in prison. I completely disagree with this idea and in this essay I will support my opinion with examples.

Firstly, life in jail is far too comfortable for prisoners. For example, many inmates have access to luxuries such as televisions, computers and sports facilities and so on. **In other words**, spending time behind bars is more like being in a holiday camp. If prison is going to act as a deterrent, then I believe it needs to be considerably tougher.

Another reason why I disagree with prison as a

punishment is that a large number of prisoners are not actually a danger to society. Take shoplifters as an example. They are often locked up in the same cells as murderers, rapists and violent criminals. I strongly believe that this is a serious waste of taxpayers' money. **What's more**, petty criminals may even learn how to commit more serious crimes when they are inside.

On the other hand, there is an argument that prison can help to rehabilitate offenders. Many inmates have the opportunity to study while they are doing time. **As a result**, many never re-offend when they are released.

In conclusion, although it is a common belief that prison is the best way to punish criminals, I believe it is too soft and that it is not necessary in the majority of cases. **Personally**, I think prison should be the last option when all else has failed.