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## **Level 5**

# **Burglary a threat to mental health**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140622-burglaries.html>

A new study shows that burglary is a serious threat to people's mental health. The survey is from a British charity and a home security company. Researchers interviewed 1,000 people who had been burgled. They found that a quarter of them suffered from anxiety or depression and a quarter felt saddened by thinking they could not protect their home and family. Feelings of insecurity started for many people after a burglary. Around 37 per cent of burglary victims suddenly became afraid of being attacked in the streets. They had not feared this before being burgled.

A professor from the British Psychological Society warned that people underestimate how serious burglary is. It can leave people traumatised. She said: "Burglary is frequently seen as a minor crime....However psychologically and emotionally the experience of being burgled is likely to have a severe emotional outcome for many victims who were, up to then, leading ordinary lives." She said the experience led some people to want to move to a different house. Other people got depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and even had marital breakdowns.

Sources: <http://www.bps.org.uk/news/burglary-seriously-damages-mental-health>  
<http://news.uk.msn.com/study-reveals-impact-of-burglary-1>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140622-burglaries.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. burglary is a serious threat | a. their home                |
| 2. a quarter of them suffered   | b. before being burgled      |
| 3. a quarter felt               | c. insecurity started        |
| 4. they could not protect       | d. attacked in the streets   |
| 5. Feelings of                  | e. from anxiety              |
| 6. Around 37 per cent of        | f. to people's mental health |
| 7. afraid of being              | g. saddened                  |
| 8. They had not feared this     | h. burglary victims          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. people underestimate        | a. traumatised             |
| 2. It can leave people         | b. ordinary lives          |
| 3. Burglary is frequently seen | c. emotional outcome       |
| 4. psychologically             | d. to move                 |
| 5. have a severe               | e. how serious burglary is |
| 6. leading                     | f. breakdowns              |
| 7. led some people to want     | g. as a minor crime        |
| 8. marital                     | h. and emotionally         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140622-burglaries.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ burglary is a serious threat to people's mental health. The survey is from a British charity and a home security company. Researchers interviewed 1,000 people (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They found that a quarter of them (3) \_\_\_\_\_ or depression and a quarter felt saddened by thinking they could not protect their home and family. Feelings (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for many people after a burglary. Around 37 per cent (5) \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly became afraid of being attacked in the streets. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ before being burgled.

A professor from the British Psychological Society warned that people underestimate (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is. It can leave people traumatised. She said: "Burglary is frequently (8) \_\_\_\_\_ crime....However psychologically and (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of being burgled is likely (10) \_\_\_\_\_ emotional outcome for many victims who were, up to then, (11) \_\_\_\_\_." She said the experience led some people to want to move to a different house. Other people got depression, anxiety, sleeplessness (12) \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.

# BURGLARY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1406/140622-burglaries.html>

Write five GOOD questions about burglary in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

