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Level 6

Burglary a threat to mental health

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THE ARTICLE

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

A new study shows that experiencing a burglary is a serious threat to people's mental health. The survey is from the British charity Victim Support and the home security company ADT. Researchers interviewed 1,000 people who had been burgled. They found that a quarter of them suffered from anxiety or forms of depression, while a further 25 per cent felt saddened by the thought they could no longer protect their home and family. The researchers said that feelings of insecurity set in for many people after a burglary. They reported that 37 per cent of burglary victims suddenly became afraid of being mugged in the streets, something they had not feared before being burgled.

Professor Paula Nicolson from the British Psychological Society warned that people and the police underestimate how serious a crime burglary is. Many people fail to realise it can leave victims traumatised. She said: "Burglary is frequently seen as a minor crime – one that may be resolved and forgotten by the victim....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 added the undue trauma resulted for some people in "the compulsion to move house, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and even marital breakdown".

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

WARM-UPS

1. BURGLARY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about burglary. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

burglary / threat / mental health / quarter / anxiety / protect / insecurity / streets / psychological / / traumatised / minor crime / depression / marital breakdown

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. PREVENTION: How can we prevent burglaries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Ideas	Pros	Cons
Stronger locks		
Neighbourhood watch		
Better policing		
CCTV		
Burglar alarms		
Web cams in the house		

4. SERIOUS CRIME: Students A **strongly** believe burglary is a serious crime, not a minor one; Students B **strongly** disagree. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BURGLED: Rank these with your partner. Put the things you would not want to be stolen at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- mobile phone
- passport
- family photos
- jewellery
- computer
- game console
- TV
- money

6. SECURITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "security". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The study is from a U.K. prison service. | T / F |
| b. Over 10,000 people took part in the study. | T / F |
| c. A quarter of participants were sad they could not protect their home. | T / F |
| d. Over a quarter of those burgled are now afraid of street crime. | T / F |
| e. A professor thought police should view burglary being more seriously. | T / F |
| f. The professor said most people though burglary was a serious crime. | T / F |
| g. The professor said most people forget the experience of being burgled. | T / F |
| h. Some burglaries result in the break-up of marriages. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. serious | a. miscalculate |
| 2. forms | b. consequence |
| 3. insecurity | c. attacked |
| 4. mugged | d. understand |
| 5. feared | e. grave |
| 6. underestimate | f. worried about |
| 7. realise | g. marriage |
| 8. resolved | h. types |
| 9. outcome | i. cleared up |
| 10. marital | j. defencelessness |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. home | a. suffered from anxiety |
| 2. a quarter of them | b. emotional outcome |
| 3. feelings of | c. security company |
| 4. afraid of being | d. before being burgled |
| 5. something they had not feared | e. people traumatised |
| 6. police underestimate how serious | f. ordinary lives |
| 7. people fail to realise it can leave | g. mugged in the streets |
| 8. likely to have a severe | h. a crime burglary is |
| 9. leading | i. breakdown |
| 10. marital | j. insecurity |

GAP FILL

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

A new study shows that experiencing a burglary is a (1) _____ threat to people's mental health. The survey is from the British (2) _____ Victim Support and the home security company ADT. Researchers interviewed 1,000 people who had been (3) _____. They found that a quarter of them suffered from (4) _____ or forms of depression, while a further 25 per cent felt saddened by the thought they could no longer (5) _____ their home and family. The researchers said that feelings of (6) _____ set in for many people after a burglary. They reported that 37 per cent of burglary victims suddenly became afraid of being (7) _____ in the streets, something they had not (8) _____ before being burgled.

protect
feared
burgled
serious
insecurity
charity
mugged
anxiety

Professor Paula Nicolson from the British Psychological Society warned that people and the police underestimate how (9) _____ a crime burglary is. Many people fail to realise it can leave victims (10) _____. She said: "Burglary is (11) _____ seen as a minor crime – one that may be (12) _____ and forgotten by the victim....However psychologically and emotionally the experience of being burgled is (13) _____ to have a severe emotional outcome for many victims who were, up to then, leading (14) _____ lives." She added the undue trauma (15) _____ for some people in "the compulsion to move house, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and even (16) _____ breakdown".

likely
marital
frequently
ordinary
serious
resolved
traumatised
resulted

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A new study shows that experiencing a burglary is _____
 - a. a seriously threat
 - b. a series threat
 - c. a serious threat
 - d. a series as threat
- 2) They found that a quarter of them suffered from anxiety or _____
 - a. forms of depression
 - b. conforms of depression
 - c. firms of depression
 - d. farms of depression
- 3) a further 25 per cent felt saddened by the thought they could no _____
 - a. longer protects their home
 - b. larger protect their home
 - c. longer protect that home
 - d. longer protect their home
- 4) The researchers said that feelings of insecurity _____ people
 - a. set in for many
 - b. setting for many
 - c. set out for many
 - d. set tin for many
- 5) afraid of being mugged in the streets, something they had _____
 - a. not feared before
 - b. not afraid before
 - c. not fearing before
 - d. not fared before
- 6) Many people fail to realise it can leave _____
 - a. people are traumatised
 - b. people trauma timed
 - c. people being traumatised
 - d. people traumatised
- 7) She said: "Burglary is frequently seen as _____..."
 - a. a mirror crime
 - b. a minor crime
 - c. a miner crime
 - d. a minors crime
- 8) the experience of being burgled is likely to have a _____
 - a. severely emotional outcome
 - b. severe emotionall outcome
 - c. severe emotional income
 - d. severe emotional outcome
- 9) She added the undue trauma resulted for some people in "the _____ house"
 - a. compassion to move
 - b. propulsion to move
 - c. compulsion to move
 - d. compulsive to move
- 10) depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and even _____
 - a. marital breakdown
 - b. martial breakdown
 - c. material breakdown
 - d. partial breakdown

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What kind of company partly conducted the survey?

2. How many participants were there in the survey?

3. What fraction of participants suffered from anxiety or depression?

4. What were people sad at the thought of not being able to protect?

5. What were 37% of people who were burgled now afraid of?

6. Who underestimated the seriousness of burglary?

7. How can burglary leave people feeling?

8. What kind of crime did a professor say burglary is seen as?

9. What kind of lives did many victims lead?

10. What happens to many marriages after a house is burgled?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. What kind of company partly conducted the survey?
 - a) a therapy company
 - b) a publishing company
 - c) a construction company
 - d) a home security company
2. How many participants were there in the survey?
 - a) 2,000
 - b) 1,000
 - c) 11,000
 - d) 22,000
3. What fraction of participants suffered from anxiety or depression?
 - a) four-fifths
 - b) two-thirds
 - c) half
 - d) a quarter
4. What were people sad at the thought of not being able to protect?
 - a) their privacy
 - b) their TV
 - c) their home
 - d) their money
5. What were 37% of people who were burgled now afraid of?
 - a) the burglar returning
 - b) the dark
 - c) noises at night
 - d) being mugged
6. Who underestimated the seriousness of burglary?
 - a) victims
 - b) insurance companies
 - c) the police
 - d) the government
7. How can burglary leave people feeling?
 - a) traumatised
 - b) numb
 - c) furious
 - d) up in the air
8. What kind of crime did a professor say burglary is seen as?
 - a) common
 - b) everyday
 - c) minor
 - d) organised
9. What kind of lives did many victims lead?
 - a) wealthy
 - b) ordinary
 - c) dull
 - d) busy
10. What happens to many marriages after a house is burgled?
 - a) they end
 - b) they get stronger
 - c) they are tested
 - d) nothing

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Stronger locks

You think stronger locks is the best defence against burglary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a neighbourhood watch scheme, better policing or web cams in the house.

Role B – Neighbourhood watch

You think a neighbourhood watch scheme is the best defence against burglary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): stronger locks, better policing or web cams in the house.

Role C – Better policing

You think better policing is the best defence against burglary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a neighbourhood watch scheme, stronger locks or web cams in the house.

Role D – Web cams in the house

You think web cams in the house is the best defence against burglary. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things are not so good. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): a neighbourhood watch scheme, better policing or stronger locks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'mental' and 'health'.

mental	health
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• charity• 1,000• forms• home• 37• feared	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• police• fail• minor• likely• ordinary• marital
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BURGLARY SURVEY

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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.

BURGLARY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'burglary'?
- c) How common is burglary in your country?
- d) What is the punishment for burglary in your country?
- e) How do you think burglary affects mental health?
- f) What can be done to support burglary victims?
- g) How can people protect their home against burglars?
- h) What are the differences between burglary and robbery?
- i) What is a "cat burglar"?
- j) Do you worry about being burgled?

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BURGLARY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why do people underestimate how serious a crime burglary is?
- c) Why are people left with mental health problems after burglaries?
- d) What can communities do to reduce the risk of burglaries?
- e) Is burglary a serious or minor crime?
- f) Would you like CCTV cameras in your house?
- g) Do you do anything before you leave your house to keep it safe?
- h) Are you afraid of crimes happening to you?
- i) What should the punishment for a burglar be?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) threaten | (b) threat | (c) treat | (d) threatening |
| 2. | (a) anxious | (b) anxiety | (c) anxiously | (d) stressing |
| 3. | (a) whoever | (b) which | (c) when | (d) while |
| 4. | (a) dream | (b) thought | (c) cognition | (d) knowing |
| 5. | (a) out | (b) in | (c) up | (d) on |
| 6. | (a) bugged | (b) hugged | (c) mugged | (d) tugged |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) for | (c) a | (d) such |
| 8. | (a) feel | (b) do | (c) leave | (d) have |
| 9. | (a) main | (b) mine | (c) miner | (d) minor |
| 10. | (a) likely | (b) likened | (c) likelihood | (d) likeliest |
| 11. | (a) undue | (b) untrue | (c) unruly | (d) undo |
| 12. | (a) martial | (b) material | (c) marital | (d) Martian |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a uirsseo threat
2. a quarter of them suffered from ntaixye
3. forms of epneodsirs
4. a rfrtheu 25 per cent
5. feelings of ncyiiustre set in
6. afraid of being mdugge in the streets

Paragraph 2

7. the police iasurmteedtn how
8. it can leave people stiemdauatr
9. netyfuqrel seen as a minor crime
10. one that may be rdlesoev and forgotten
11. have a eesvr emotional outcome
12. mtaalir breakdown

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A new study shows that experiencing a burglary is a serious threat to people's mental health. The survey is
- () from the British charity Victim Support and the home security company ADT. Researchers
- () interviewed 1,000 people who had been burgled. They found that a quarter of
- () by the thought they could no longer protect their home and family. The researchers said that feelings of
- () became afraid of being mugged in the streets, something they had not feared before being burgled.
- () them suffered from anxiety or forms of depression, while a further 25 per cent felt saddened
- () Professor Paula Nicolson from the British Psychological Society warned that people and the police
- () resolved and forgotten by the victim....However psychologically and emotionally the experience of
- () being burgled is likely to have a severe emotional outcome for many
- () people in "the compulsion to move house, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and even marital breakdown".
- () victims who were, up to then, leading ordinary lives." She added the undue trauma resulted for some
- () insecurity set in for many people after a burglary. They reported that 37 per cent of burglary victims suddenly
- () underestimate how serious a crime burglary is. Many people fail to realise it can leave people
- () traumatised. She said: "Burglary is frequently seen as a minor crime – one that may be

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. health is threat mental Burglary serious people's a to.

2. they longer home thought no their The could protect.

3. of for Feelings in set people insecurity many.

4. of afraid became suddenly Victims mugged being.

5. not feared Something before they being had burgled.

6. is serious a Police crime underestimate burglary how.

7. fail it people People realise leave to can traumatised.

8. as Burglary a is minor frequently crime seen.

9. then, to up were, who Victims lives ordinary leading .

10. compulsion some the move for in to Resulted people.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A new study shows that *experiencing* / *experiential* a burglary is a serious threat to people's mental health. *The survey* / *surveillance* is from the British charity Victim Support and the home *securities* / *security* company ADT. Researchers interviewed 1,000 people who had been burgled. They found that a quarter of *them* / *those* suffered from anxiety *or* / *of* forms of depression, while a *farther* / *further* 25 per cent felt saddened by the thought they could no *longer* / *lengthen* protect their home and family. The researchers said that feelings of insecurity set *out* / *in* for many people after a burglary. They reported that 37 per cent of *burglary* / *burglar* victims suddenly became afraid of being mugged in the streets, something they had not *fearsome* / *feared* before being burgled.

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Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n_w st_dy sh_ws th_t _xp_r__nc_ng _ b_rgl_ry _s _
s_r__s thr__t t_ p__pl_'s m_nt_l h__lth. Th_ s_rv_y
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_m_t__n_lly th_ _xp_r__nc_ _f b__ng b_rgl_d _s l_k_ly
t_h_v__s_v_r__m_t_n_l__tc_m_f_r m_ny v_ct_ms
wh_ w_r_, _p_t_ th_n, l__d_ng _rd_n_ry l_v_s." Sh_
_dd_d th_ _nd__ tr__m_r_s l_t_d f_r s_m_ p__pl_ _n
"th_ c_mpl_s__n t_m_v_ h__s_, d_pr_ss__n, _nx__ty,
sl__pl_ssn_ss _nd _v_n m_r_t_l br__kd_wn".

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about burglary and mental health. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BURGLARY: Make a poster about burglary. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SERIOUS CRIME: Write a magazine article about making burglary one of the most serious crimes. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a crime expert. Ask him/her three questions about burglary. Give him/her three ideas on how to stop it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e T f F g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. serious | a. miscalculate |
| 2. forms | b. consequence |
| 3. insecurity | c. attacked |
| 4. mugged | d. understand |
| 5. feared | e. grave |
| 6. underestimate | f. worried about |
| 7. realise | g. marriage |
| 8. resolved | h. types |
| 9. outcome | i. cleared up |
| 10. marital | j. defencelessness |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A home security company
2. 1,000
3. 25%
4. Their home and family
5. Being mugged
6. The police (and many people)
7. Traumatized
8. A minor crime
9. Ordinary lives
10. They break up

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)