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Muggers now targeting luxury winter coats

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

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THE ARTICLE

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There has been a spate of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing on a new item to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats at knifepoint. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 each. As well as literally stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are breaking into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a criminologist at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".

Professor Wilson warned those with high-end winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which go for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real concern to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, intimidating and frightening".

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WARM-UPS

1. WINTER COATS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about winter coats. 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?

spate / muggers / luxury coats / recent weeks / thieves / stealing / criminologist / winter jackets / your surroundings / vigilant / opportunists / robbery / network / crime

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

3. PRISON: Students A **strongly** believe muggers should go to prison for at least 20 years; Students B **strongly** believe that's too long. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CRIMINALS: How dangerous are these criminals? What harm do they do? What experiences have you had of them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Dangerous?	Harm?	Your Experiences
Mugger			
Burglar			
Pickpocket			
Shoplifter			
Vandal			
Trespasser			

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

6. BRANDS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best brands at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Louis Vuitton
- Apple
- Disney
- Lego
- Mercedes
- Adidas
- Airbnb
- McDonald's

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. spate | a. An expert in the scientific study of crime and criminals. |
| 2. mugger | b. Relating to or about a large city. |
| 3. metropolitan | c. Stole |
| 4. slashed | d. A large number of similar things coming in quick succession. |
| 5. made off with | e. Exactly. |
| 6. literally | f. A person who attacks and robs another in a public place. |
| 7. criminologist | g. Cut with a wide, sweeping movement, typically using a knife or sword. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. high-end | h. A person who takes advantage of chances or possibilities as and when they arise. |
| 9. branded | i. Sell for. |
| 10. vigilant | j. Having a frightening, overawing, or threatening effect. |
| 11. opportunist | k. Having a brand name. |
| 12. go for | l. Have a strong effect on someone or something. |
| 13. impact | m. Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. |
| 14. intimidating | n. The most expensive of a range of products. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

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

1. Muggers have been stealing expensive coats in cities worldwide. **T / F**
2. Some muggers have used knives to steal luxury winter coats. **T / F**
3. Muggers are only stealing coats that cost more than \$2,200. **T / F**
4. A criminologist said the coat thefts have become a trend. **T / F**
5. A professor warned people who wear the Canada Duck brand coats. **T / F**
6. The professor said people with luxury coats should be vigilantes. **T / F**
7. London Transport asked people not to wear luxury coats on their trains. **T / F**
8. London Transport said the coat thefts were worrying and scary. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. spate | a. threatening |
| 2. steal | b. alarming |
| 3. slashed | c. lawbreaking |
| 4. literally | d. thief |
| 5. worrying | e. observant |
| 6. high-end | f. series |
| 7. surroundings | g. expensive |
| 8. vigilant | h. exactly |
| 9. crime | i. environment |
| 10. intimidating | j. knifed |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. There has been a spate | a. for thousands of pounds |
| 2. London, Washington DC and other | b. at knifepoint |
| 3. robbed of their coats | c. people's vehicles |
| 4. thieves made off | d. opportunists |
| 5. thieves are breaking into | e. of muggings |
| 6. high- | f. of young people |
| 7. You have to be vigilant for | g. end winter jackets |
| 8. Rolex watches which go | h. metropolitan areas |
| 9. it really impacts the safety | i. and frightening |
| 10. concerning, intimidating | j. with his jacket |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

There has been a (1) _____ of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing on a new (2) _____ to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats at (3) _____. One man in Birmingham in the UK was (4) _____ across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 each. As well as (5) _____ stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are (6) _____ into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a (7) _____ at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime (8) _____". He said the thefts were "worrying".

knifepoint
literally
criminologist
spate
slashed
trend
item
breaking

Professor Wilson warned those with high- (9) _____ winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose (10) _____ jackets to be careful and be aware of your (11) _____ and who is around you. You have to be (12) _____ for opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to (13) _____ Rolex watches which (14) _____ for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real (15) _____ to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, (16) _____ and frightening".

target
concern
end
vigilant
intimidating
branded
go
surroundings

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

- 1) and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their _____
 - a. coats at knifepoints
 - b. coat sat knife paint
 - c. coats at knifepoint
 - d. coats at knife paints
- 2) One man in Birmingham in the _____
 - a. UK was sloshed
 - b. UK was slushed
 - c. UK was slashed
 - d. UK was splashed
- 3) Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much _____
 - a. at \$2,200 each
 - b. as \$2,200 each
 - c. has \$2,200 each
 - d. was \$2,200 each
- 4) stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are breaking _____
 - a. into people's vehicles
 - b. unto people's vehicles
 - c. onto people's vehicles
 - d. as to people's vehicles
- 5) warned that the muggings were the start of a new _____
 - a. luxury crime trendy
 - b. luxury crime trends
 - c. luxury crime trending
 - d. luxury crime trend
- 6) I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful _____
 - a. and beware
 - b. and be a where
 - c. and beer where
 - d. and be aware
- 7) of your surroundings and who is around you. You have _____
 - a. to be vigilante
 - b. to be vigilance
 - c. to be vigil ant
 - d. to be vege lentil
- 8) He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which _____
 - a. come for thousands
 - b. go for thousands
 - c. grow for thousands
 - d. ago for thousands
- 9) A London Transport spokesperson said Canada Goose coats are _____
 - a. targeted for rubbery
 - b. targeted four robbery
 - c. targeted for Ribery
 - d. targeted for robbery
- 10) She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, _____
 - a. intimidation and frightening
 - b. intimidating and frightening
 - c. intimidating and frightened
 - d. intimidation and frightened

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

There has been a (1) _____ in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing on a new item to (2) _____. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their (3) _____. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 each. As (4) _____ stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are breaking into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, (5) _____ Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the (6) _____.

Professor Wilson warned those with (7) _____ jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware (8) _____ and who is around you. You have to (9) _____ opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches (10) _____ thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's (11) _____ to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this (12) _____ "very concerning, intimidating and frightening".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

1. What has there been a spate of worldwide?
2. Which two cities in the article were said to have coat muggings?
3. What are muggers using to threaten people and steal coats?
4. How much do the coats cost that muggers are stealing?
5. What kind of trend did a criminologist say we are at the start of?
6. What is the name of the brand of coats mentioned in the article?
7. Who did a professor say we needed to be vigilant for?
8. What did the professor say muggers used to target?
9. What did London Transport say the robberies impacted the safety of?
10. What kind of crime did London Transport call the coat thefts?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

- 1) What has there been a spate of worldwide?
 - a) cities
 - b) muggings / coat thefts
 - c) muggers
 - d) globes
- 2) Which two cities in the article were said to have coat muggings?
 - a) Paris and Rio
 - b) New York and London
 - c) Washington DC and Paris
 - d) London and Washington DC
- 3) What are muggers using to threaten people and steal coats?
 - a) knives
 - b) the Internet
 - c) guns
 - d) blackmail
- 4) How much do the coats cost that muggers are stealing?
 - a) exactly \$2,200
 - b) more than \$2,200
 - c) up to \$2,200
 - d) around \$2,200
- 5) What kind of trend did a criminologist say we are at the start of?
 - a) a coat-wearing trend
 - b) a luxury crime trend
 - c) a luxury trend
 - d) a criminal trend
- 6) What is the name of the brand of coats mentioned in the article?
 - a) Canada Goose
 - b) Canada Duck
 - c) Cameroon Goose
 - d) Cameroon Duck
- 7) Who did a professor say we needed to be vigilant for?
 - a) feathers
 - b) geese
 - c) opportunists
 - d) coats
- 8) What did the professor say muggers used to target?
 - a) Rolex watches
 - b) the rich and famous
 - c) bulls eyes
 - d) extreme wealth
- 9) What did London Transport say the robberies impacted the safety of?
 - a) young people
 - b) coat makers
 - c) geese
 - d) muggers
- 10) What kind of crime did London Transport call the coat thefts?
 - a) petty crime
 - b) goose-feather crime
 - c) network crime
 - d) acquisitive crime

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

Role A – Louis Vuitton

You think Louis Vuitton is the best brand. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their brands. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Apple, Mercedes or Disney.

Role B – Apple

You think Apple is the best brand. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their brands. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Louis Vuitton, Mercedes or Disney.

Role C – Mercedes

You think Mercedes is the best brand. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their brands. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Apple, Louis Vuitton or Disney.

Role D – Disney

You think Disney is the best brand. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their brands. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): Apple, Mercedes or Louis Vuitton.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

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

luxury	coat
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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">• spate• recent• knifepoint• much• breaking• start	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• high• aware• vigilant• used to• real• frightening
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WINTER COATS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

Write five GOOD questions about winter coats 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.

WINTER COATS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'mugger'?
3. How safe are the streets where you live?
4. How can we stop muggings?
5. What crimes are you worried about in your town?
6. Why do people buy \$2,000 coats?
7. What kinds of coats do you like?
8. What luxury items do you like?
9. What three adjectives best describe this story?
10. What advice do you have for people wearing expensive coats?

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WINTER COATS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'coat'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you do to stay safe on the streets?
15. Have you had any bad experiences on the streets in your town?
16. What punishment should be given to muggers?
17. What is so good about luxury clothes and other items?
18. How much better is a \$2,000 coat than a \$200 coat?
19. Have you ever stolen anything?
20. What questions would you like to ask the police?

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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Professor Wilson warned those with high-(7) _____ winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and (8) _____ aware of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be vigilant (9) _____ opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which (10) _____ for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real concern (11) _____ us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, intimidating and (12) _____".

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) spite | (b) spate | (c) spat | (d) spit |
| 2. | (a) fobbed | (b) robbed | (c) dobbed | (d) mobbed |
| 3. | (a) slashing | (b) slasher | (c) slash | (d) slashed |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) off | (c) on | (d) down |
| 5. | (a) flattery | (b) lottery | (c) laterally | (d) literally |
| 6. | (a) broken | (b) breakage | (c) breaking | (d) broke |
| 7. | (a) end | (b) start | (c) finish | (d) limit |
| 8. | (a) do | (b) have | (c) be | (d) take |
| 9. | (a) by | (b) on | (c) at | (d) for |
| 10. | (a) go | (b) tell | (c) tick | (d) amount |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) as | (d) at |
| 12. | (a) frightening | (b) frighteners | (c) frightens | (d) fright |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

Paragraph 1

1. There has been a stape of muggings
2. other teiaonptrmlo areas
3. ldshaes across his face
4. breaking into people's hsvelcie
5. a gimnioilcotrs at Birmingham City University
6. He said the tesfth were worrying

Paragraph 2

7. be aware of your odsrgunsnuri
8. You have to be iivntlag
9. noptsptiuors who might try to steal them
10. it really ctamips the safety of young people
11. tuisqiiacve crime
12. very concerning, iimgniittnda and frightening

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware of your surroundings and who is
- () across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as
- () areas have been robbed of their coats at knifepoint. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed
- () Rolex watches which go for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport
- () much as \$2,200 each. As well as literally stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are breaking into people's
- () on a new item to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan
- () start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying".
- () vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a criminologist at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the
- () the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime"
- () spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real concern to us because it really impacts
- () Professor Wilson warned those with high-end winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone
- () around you. You have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal them." He added that: "Thieves used to target
- (**1**) There has been a spate of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing
- () was "very, concerning, intimidating and frightening".

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

1. been of cities . spate in a muggings There's
2. on to are new focusing items steal . Muggers
3. knifepoint . coats their at of People were robbed
4. was slashed his man across face . One
5. crime a The of trend . new start luxury
6. warned of their surroundings . be people He aware
7. to have for really be opportunists . You vigilant
8. which Target of watches for thousands go pounds .
9. young really impacts safety people . of the It
10. very crime this concerning . acquisitive was added She

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

There has been a *spite / spate* of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing *in / on* a new item to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and *other / another* metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats *on / at* knifepoint. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made *on / off* with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 *each / piece*. As well as *laterally / literally* stealing the coats off people's backs, thieves are *breeching / breaking* into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a *criminologist / criminology* at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "*worried / worrying*".

Professor Wilson warned *them / those* with high-end winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose *blended / branded* jackets to be careful and be *beware / aware* of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be *vigilant / vigilance* for opportunists who might try to *stole / steal* them." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which go *at / for* thousands of pounds and then *sold / sell* them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a *really / real* concern to us because it really impacts the safety of *young / youth* people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, *intimidation / intimidating* and frightening".

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

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

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Th_r_ h_s b__n _ sp_t_ _f m_gg_ngs _n c_t__s _cr_ss
th_ gl_b_ _s m_gg_rs _r_ f_c_s_ng _n _ n_w _t_m t_
st__l - l_x_ry c__ts. _n r_c_nt w__ks p__pl_ _n
L_nd_n, W_sh_ngt_n DC _nd _th_r m_tr_p_l_t_n _r__s
h_v_ b__n r_bb_d _f th__r c__ts _t kn_f_p__nt. _n_
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_ff p__pl_'s b_ck_s, th__v_s _r_ br__k_ng _nt_ p__pl_'s
v_h_cl_s. Pr_f_ss_r D_v_d W_ls_n, _ cr_m_n_l_g_st _t
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2401/240108-winter-coat-muggings.html>

there has been a spate of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are focusing on a new item to steal luxury coats in recent weeks people in london washington dc and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats at knifepoint one man in birmingham in the uk was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as 2200 each as well as literally stealing the coats off peoples backs thieves are breaking into peoples vehicles professor david wilson a criminologist at birmingham city university warned that the muggings were the start of a new luxury crime trend he said the thefts were worrying

professor wilson warned those with highend winter jackets to be careful he said i would tell anyone wearing canada goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware of your surroundings and who is around you you have to be vigilant for opportunists who might try to steal them he added that thieves used to target rolex watches which go for thousands of pounds and then sell them online a london transport spokesperson said canada goose coats are targeted for robbery its a real concern to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network she added that this acquisitive crime was very concerning intimidating and frightening

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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There has been a spate of muggings in cities across the globe as muggers are refocusing on a new item to steal – luxury coats. In recent weeks, people in London, Washington DC and other metropolitan areas have been robbed of their coats at knife point. One man in Birmingham in the UK was slashed across his face as thieves made off with his jacket. Criminals are targeting coats that cost as much as \$2,200 each. As well as literally stealing the coat off people's backs, thieves are breaking into people's vehicles. Professor David Wilson, a criminologist at Birmingham City University, warned that the muggings were the start of a new "luxury crime trend". He said the thefts were "worrying". Professor Wilson warned those with high-end winter jackets to be careful. He said: "I would tell anyone wearing Canada Goose branded jackets to be careful and be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. You have to be vigilant for opportunists whom you might try to steal from." He added that: "Thieves used to target Rolex watches which go for thousands of pounds and then sell them online." A London Transport spokesperson said: "Canada Goose coats are targeted for robbery. It's a real concern to us because it really impacts the safety of young people on the network." She added that this "acquisitive crime" was "very concerning, intimidating and frightening".

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WINTER COATS: Make a poster about winter coats. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. STREET SAFETY: Write a magazine article about spending more money to keep our streets safe. 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 an expert on mugging. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop muggings. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. f 3. b 4. g 5. c 6. e 7. a
8. n 9. k 10. m 11. h 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. j	4. h	5. b
6. g	7. i	8. e	9. c	10. a

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Muggings / coat thefts
- London and Washington DC
- Knives
- Up to \$2,200
- A luxury crime trend
- Canada Goose
- Opportunists
- Rolex watches
- Young people
- Acquisitive crime

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- There's been a spate of muggings in cities.
- Muggers are focusing on new items to steal.
- People were robbed of their coats at knifepoint.
- One man was slashed across his face.
- The start of a new luxury crime trend.
- He warned people be aware of their surroundings.
- You have to be really vigilant for opportunists.
- Target watches which go for thousands of pounds.
- It really impacts the safety of young people.
- She added this acquisitive crime was very concerning.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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