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Level 1

Three-quarters of British people commit micro crimes

26th October, 2016

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-1.html>

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-1.html>

A new report says there is a "wave of micro crime" in Britain. Researchers were shocked by their findings. One researcher said three in every four people you see in the UK are hiding a criminal history. Up to 74 per cent of British people are 'micro-criminals'. They have done at least one minor, 'micro' crime." The most common crime is paying someone cash when they know that person will not pay tax on it.

Men were the most likely to commit micro crimes. About 80 per cent of middle-class people and 70 per cent of working-class people admitted to micro crimes. The second-most common micro crime was illegal downloading or streaming. About 30 per cent of people did this. Other micro crimes include not paying for bags in supermarkets, lying about your age to get a better deal, and eating things in a supermarket without paying.

Sources: <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/three-four-brits-admit-committing-petty-crimes-claim-pollsters-1587803>
<http://news.sky.com/story/three-out-of-four-britons-are-micro-criminals-poll-10629227>
<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/you-micro-criminal-see-how-12071441>

PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Researchers were shocked | a. paying someone cash |
| 2. three in | b. by their findings |
| 3. hiding a criminal | c. that person |
| 4. Up to 74 per cent | d. history |
| 5. They have done at | e. on it |
| 6. The most common crime is | f. every four people |
| 7. when they know | g. least one |
| 8. pay tax | h. of British people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. middle- | a. about your age |
| 2. people admitted | b. common micro crime |
| 3. The second-most | c. did this |
| 4. illegal | d. to micro crimes |
| 5. About 30 per cent of people | e. better deal |
| 6. Other micro crimes include not | f. class people |
| 7. lying | g. downloading |
| 8. get a | h. paying for bags |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-1.html>

A new report says (1) _____ of micro crime" in Britain. Researchers (2) _____ their findings. One researcher said (3) _____ four people you see in the UK are hiding a (4) _____. Up to 74 per cent of British people are 'micro-criminals'. They have done at (5) _____, 'micro' crime." The most common crime is paying someone cash when they know that person will (6) _____ it.

Men were the (7) _____ commit micro crimes. About 80 per cent (8) _____ people and 70 per cent of working-class people (9) _____ micro crimes. The second-most common micro crime was illegal downloading (10) _____. About 30 per cent of people did this. Other micro crimes include (11) _____ bags in supermarkets, lying about your age (12) _____ deal, and eating things in a supermarket without paying.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CRIME SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about crime 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) _____

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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) _____

