

# Crime and Punishment

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“Punishment is lame, but it comes”

George Herbert

“Fear follows crime, and is its  
punishment”

Voltaire

*What are some of the most serious crimes that 21st century societies face?*

*Why do people become criminals?*

*What are the causes of crime?*

*Are some people born bad or do they become criminals as a consequence of the environment?*



*What can be done to prevent crime?*

*How can we prevent criminals from committing a crime again?*

*In your opinion, is imprisonment an effective form of punishment?*

*Can you create some alternative forms of punishment like community service?*

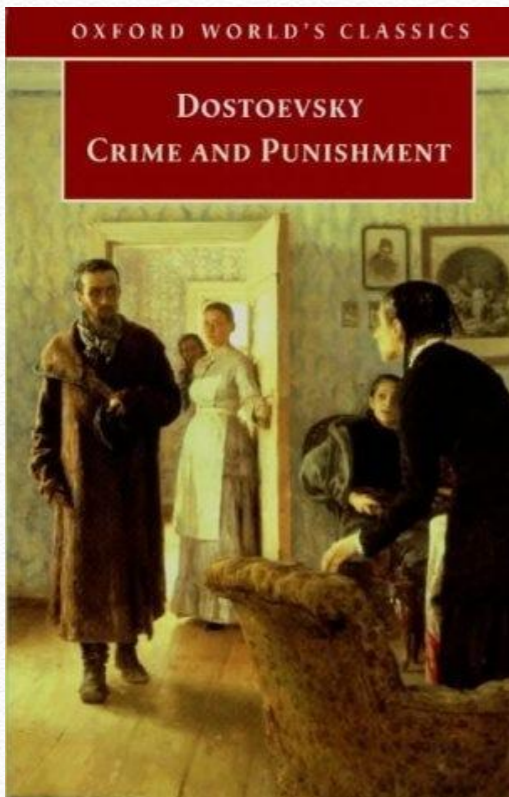
## A. Glossary of crimes

- *Felony* (a serious crime)
- *Homicide=Murder* (the crime of killing a person)
- *Manslaughter* (the crime of killing someone unintentionally)
- *Smuggling=Bootlegging* (Taking things from a country to illegally)
- *Bigamy* (the act of marrying a person while already legally married to sb else)
- *Baby- or wife-battering* (the act of hitting sb)
- *Assault* (making a sudden and violent attack on sb)
- *Arson* (setting a building on fire in order to damage or destroy sth)
- *Embezzlement* (illegally taking money that belongs to an organization you work for)
- *Fraud* (obtaining money or property by deceiving people)
- *Forgery* (an illegal copy of sth, the crime of making copies)
- *Counterfeit* (copied exactly in order to make sb believe that the copy is the original)
- *Piracy* (the practice of attacking and stealing from ships at sea)
- *Accident fraud* (having fake accidents in order to obtain money)



- *Swindling* (cheating sb in order to get money from them)
- *Perjury* (telling lies in court when you have promised to tell the truth)
- *Abuse of power* (misusing power)
- *Disorderly conduct* (showing bad behaviors that are not suitable for societies)
- *Terrorism* (violent actions for political purposes)
- *Criminal attempt* (attempting to committing a crime)
- *Speeding* (the act of driving a vehicle faster than is legally allowed)
- *Mugging* (attacking a person, using force or threats to steal money or possessions)
- *Slander* (a false, spoken statement about sb which damages that person's reputation)
- *Treason* (helping your country's enemies or attempting to illegally remove government)
- *Conspiracy* (a secret plan made by two or more people to do sth bad, illegal)
- *Spying* (finding out secret information about another country or organization)
- *Drug peddling* (selling drugs to people)
- *Larceny* (taking sth that doesn't belong to you, but not in a way that involves force)

- *Shoplifting* (taking goods illegally from a store without paying for them)
- *Burglary* (illegally breaking into a building and stealing things)
- *Pick-pocketing* (stealing things out of pockets or bags, especially in a crowd)
- *Petty theft* (stealing things that are not very valuable)
- *Hijacking* (forcing sb to take control of a vehicle, aircraft that is in the middle of a trip)
- *Blackmail* (threatening to harm sb unless the person doesn't make the payment)
- *Kidnapping* (illegally taking a person away by force)
- *Sexual harassment* (offensive attention or suggestion)
- *Bribery* (the act of giving bribes)
- *Corruption* (dishonest, illegal behavior)
- *Trespassing* (entering sb's property without permission)
- *Robbery* (stealing money from a bank especially using violence)
- *Theft* (the crime of stealing)
- *Vandalism* (intentionally damaging public or private property)
- *Looting* (stealing things from shops or homes that have been damaged in a war)



**“If he has a conscience he will suffer for his  
mistake.**

**That will be punishment-as well as the  
prison.”**

**- Fyodor Dostoevsky, Crime and Punishment,  
Ch. 19**

## b. Words and Phrases related to "Crime and Punishment"

- judge (n); judge (v); judgement (n)
- lawyer=attorney
- court
- jury
- client
- trial
- court case
- law; constitution
- execute (v); execution (n)
- intentionally=on purpose=deliberately
- catch sb red-handed; be caught red-handed
- crime=offence (n); criminal (n); commit a crime/an offence (v)
- investigate (v); police investigation (n)
- break out of prison=escape=run away=flee from
- be released from jail/prison
- accuse sb of=charge with=blame for
- fine (n); pay a fine (v); fine (v); to be fined=be given a fine (v)
- verdict (n); reach a verdict (v)
- witness=testifier (n); testimony (n); witness=testify (v)
- justice system; fair X unfair
- pass a law= make a law X abolish=do away with
- break the law=violate the law



- victim
- jail=prison (n); imprison=jail=put in prison (v)
- evidence=proof
- search for clues
- be punished with community service
- set sb free
- suspect sb of sth (v); suspicious (adj); the suspect (n)
- the accused=defendant=offender (n)
- pay compensation
- counterfeit=fake
- break into a building
- arrest sb for a crime=apprehend sb
- guilty X innocent
- plead guilty
- defend (v); defense (n)
- acquit sb of a crime X convict sb of a crime
- find sb guilty/innocent; be found guilty of a crime
- by force
- confess= admit X deny
- sentence=punishment=penalty
- sentence=punish (v); sentence sb to ... years in prison
- prison sentence=imprisonment (n); sentence to imprisonment (v); to be given a prison sentence (v)
- sentence to death (v); death sentence=death penalty=capital punishment (n)
- life sentence
- corporal punishment
- cell

- ban=forbid=prohibit (v)
- sue=prosecute=put on trial
- probation
- detain (v); detention(n)
- hostage
- ransom
- kidnap=abduct (v)
- bribe
- rob (v); robber (n)
- thief (n); steal (v)
- murder (v); murderer (n)
- alimony (n)

