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Level 0

Three-quarters of British people commit micro crimes

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161026-micro-crime-0.html>

There is a lot of "micro-crime" in Britain. Three in every four people in the UK are hiding a criminal history. Almost 74 per cent of British people are 'micro-criminals'. They have done at least one small, 'micro' crime." The most common micro crime is paying someone cash when they know that person will not pay tax on it.

Men are the biggest micro criminals. About 80 per cent of middle-class people are micro-criminals. The second biggest micro crime is illegal downloading. About 30 per cent of people did this. Other crimes include not paying for supermarket bags, lying about your age to get a better deal, and eating things in shops 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. three in | a. micro crime |
| 2. hiding a criminal | b. every four people |
| 3. Almost 74% of British people | c. that person |
| 4. They have done at | d. history |
| 5. The most common | e. tax on it |
| 6. paying someone | f. least one |
| 7. when they know | g. cash |
| 8. pay | h. are 'micro-criminals' |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) _____ "micro-crime" in Britain. Three (2) _____ people in the UK are hiding a criminal history. (3) _____ of British people are 'micro-criminals'. They have (4) _____ one small, 'micro' crime." The (5) _____ micro crime is paying someone cash when they know that person (6) _____ on it.

Men (7) _____ micro criminals. About 80 per cent of middle-class people are micro-criminals. The (8) _____ micro crime is (9) _____. About 30 per cent of people did this.

Other crimes (10) _____ paying for supermarket bags, lying about your age (11) _____ deal, and eating things in shops (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CRIME SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **crime** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
