

Criminals Vocabulary (EnglishClub.com/search)

Most countries have laws (official rules set by the government). Together, these laws are called "the Law". When people disobey the Law, we say that they "break the law", and we call such people "law breakers" or "criminals". Breaking the law is a "crime".

This criminal (noun)	does this...	crime (noun)	action (verb)
accomplice	helps another person to commit a crime	aiding and abetting	aid and abet
arsonist	sets fire to other people's property illegally	arson	commit arson
assassin	kills people for political reasons, or in return for payment	assassination	assassinate
bigamist	marries more than one person at the same time	bigamy	commit bigamy
burglar	breaks in to buildings to steal	burglary	burgle
deserter	is a member of the armed forces who leaves without permission	desertion	desert
drug dealer	buys and sells illegal drugs	drug dealing	deal in drugs
forgery	makes fake money or documents	forgery	forge
gangster	is a member of a violent criminal gang (group)	gangsterism	-
hijacker	takes control of a vehicle (plane, ship etc) by force and diverts it	hijacking	hijack
hooligan	is a violent young troublemaker	hooliganism	-
kidnapper	takes people away by force and demands money to free them	kidnapping	kidnap
mugger	attacks and robs people in a public place	mugging	mug
murderer	deliberately kills another person	murder	murder
offender	is anybody who breaks the law	committing an offence	offend
pickpocket	steals money etc from other people's pockets	pickpocketing	pickpocket

This criminal (noun)	does this...	crime (noun)	action (verb)
robber	steals money etc, using force or the threat of force	robbery	rob
shoplifter	steals goods from a shop while pretending to be a customer	shoplifting	shoplift
smuggler	moves goods illegally into or out of a country without paying tax	smuggling	smuggle
spy	secretly gets information about another country	spying	spy
industrial spy	secretly gets information about a company	industrial spying	spy
stowaway	hides on a plane or ship to travel secretly and free	stowing away	stow away
terrorist	uses violence for political reasons	terrorism	commit terrorism
thief	steals property from other people (without using violence)	theft	thieve
traitor	betrays his country to another country	treachery	betray
vandal	deliberately destroys or damages public property	vandalism	vandalize