

criminal**1. ['krɪmɪn(ə)] *n*****1) преступник**

war [state] criminal - военный [государственный] преступник
 habitual criminal - профессиональный преступник, рецидивист

2) лицо, виновное в совершении преступления**2. ['krɪmɪn(ə)] *a*****1. преступный, криминальный, *особ.* уголовный**

criminal action - а) преступное деяние; б) уголовный иск
 criminal case - уголовное дело
 criminal code - уголовный кодекс
 criminal law - уголовное право, уголовное законодательство
 criminal lawyer - а) криминалист, специалист по уголовному праву; б) юрист, ведущий уголовные дела
 criminal intention - преступный умысел
 criminal negligence - преступная неосторожность / халатность /

2. *разг.* безобразный, недопустимый

it is criminal to ignore this invention - недопустимо игнорировать это изобретение
 ◇ criminal conversation / connexion / - *юр. уст.* прелюбодеяние, адюльтер

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crim·inal [**criminal criminals**] **adjective, noun** *BrE* ['krɪmɪnəl] ¹ *NAmE* ['krɪmɪnəl]**adjective****1. usually before noun** (rather formal or law) connected with or involving crime

- **criminal offences/behaviour**
- **criminal damage** (= the crime of damaging sb's property deliberately)
- **criminal negligence** (= the illegal act of sb failing to do sth that they should do, with the result that sb else is harmed)

2. only before noun connected to the laws that deal with crime

- criminal law
- the criminal justice system
- a criminal lawyer
- to bring criminal charges against sb

compare ↑civil**3. morally wrong**

- This is a criminal waste of resources.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as an adjective): from late Latin **criminalis**, from Latin **crimen** 'judgement, offence', **crimin-**, based on **cernere** 'to judge'.

Example Bank:

- It should be a criminal offence to inflict cruelty on any wild animal.
- She has been cleared of criminal negligence.
- They were charged with criminal damage.

noun

a person who commits a crime

- Society does not know how to deal with **hardened criminals** (= people who regularly commit crimes and are not sorry for what they do).
- (especially *NAmE*) a **career criminal**

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Thesaurus:

- criminal** **noun** C
- I was treated like a common criminal.
 - culprit** • • **delinquent** • |informal **crook** • |formal **offender** • • **sinner** • |especially *AmE*, law **felon** •
 - a **convicted/habitual** criminal/offender/felon
 - catch** a criminal/the culprit/a crook/an offender
 - convict/sentence** a criminal/an offender
 - punish** criminals/the culprits/offenders/sinners/felons

Criminal or offender? **Criminal** suggests that not only has sb committed a crime, but that they have a tendency to commit crimes. **Offender** simply means that sb has broken the law at least once. **Offender** is the word preferred by people whose job involves dealing with people who break the law.

Collocations:**Crime**

Committing a crime

commit a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud
be involved in terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking
engage /participate in criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism
steal sb's wallet/purse/(BrE) mobile phone/(NAme) cell phone
rob a bank/a person/a tourist
break into/ (BrE) burgle/ (NAme) burglarize a house/a home/an apartment
hijack a plane/ship/bus
smuggle drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants
launder drug money (through sth)
forge documents/certificates/passports
take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe
run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking
prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy
deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals
reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour
foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot
help/support/protect the victims of crime

Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police
witness the crime/attack/murder/incident
investigate a murder/(*especially NAme*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident
conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry
investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case
examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime
collect/gather forensic evidence
uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons
describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker
question/interrogate a suspect/witness
solve/crack the case
 more collocations at [↑justice](#)

Example Bank:

- He has been associating with known criminals.
- He was tried as a war criminal.
- I told him to pass the information to the police so they could catch the criminals.
- She was treated like a common criminal.
- Sending these youngsters to prison simply trains them to become professional criminals.
- Society does not know how to deal with hardened criminals.
- career criminals

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I. **crim** **nal** ¹ **S3 W2** /'krɪmənəl, 'krɪmɪnəl/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *adjective*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑crime, ↑criminal, ↑criminologist, ↑criminology; **verb:** ↑incriminate, ↑criminalize ≠ ↑decriminalize; **adjective:** ↑criminal, ↑incriminating; **adverb:** ↑criminally]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** French; **Origin:** criminel, from Late Latin criminalis, from Latin crimen; ⇒ ↑crime]

1. relating to crime:

- Experts cannot agree on the causes of criminal behaviour.
- I was sure he was involved in some kind of criminal activity.
- She has not committed a criminal offence (=a crime).
- He was arrested and charged with criminal damage (=damaging someone's property illegally).
- The doctor was found guilty of criminal negligence (=not taking enough care to protect people you are responsible for).

2. relating to the part of the legal system that is concerned with crime ⇒ **civil**:

- The case will be tried in a criminal court.
- We have no faith in the criminal justice system.
- The police are investigating the matter, and he may face criminal charges (=be officially accused of a crime).
- She usually deals with serious criminal cases.
- a criminal lawyer

3. wrong, dishonest, and unacceptable **SYN** wicked:

- It seems criminal that teachers are paid so little money.

—**criminally** *adverb*:

- a hospital for the criminally insane

—**criminality** /,krɪmə'næləti, ,krɪmɪ'næləti/ *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ nouns

- **criminal activity** There was no evidence of any criminal activity.
- **a criminal offence/act (=a crime)** Cruelty to animals is a criminal offence.
- **criminal behaviour** Is it possible that the tendency to criminal behaviour is inherited?
- **criminal wrongdoing** *American English* (=actions that are illegal) The investigation cleared him of any criminal wrongdoing.
- **criminal damage** *British English* (=damaging someone's property illegally) He was charged with criminal damage to his boss's car.
- **criminal negligence** (=not taking enough care to protect people you are responsible for) Charges of criminal negligence were brought against senior staff.
- **a criminal investigation** (=when a possible crime is investigated) The FBI is conducting a criminal investigation into the bombing.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ nouns

- **the criminal justice system** How effective is our criminal justice system?
- **criminal law** I'm more interested in criminal law than civil law.
- **a criminal charge** (=an official accusation that someone has committed a crime) He's been arrested on a very serious criminal charge.
- **a criminal record** (=a record, kept by the police, of the crimes someone has committed) It can be hard for someone with a criminal record to find work.
- **a criminal case** The crown court usually deals with criminal cases.
- **a criminal trial** His year-long criminal trial ended in October.
- **criminal proceedings** (=actions to deal with criminals, such as charging people with crimes or bringing them to trial) Criminal proceedings have been started against the officers connected with the events.
- **a criminal court** The trial will take place in an international criminal court.
- **a criminal lawyer** (=who deals with criminal cases)

II. **criminal** ² *BrE* ^{AmE} *noun* [countable]

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someone who is involved in illegal activities or has been proved guilty of a crime ⇒ **offender**:

- Police have described the man as a violent and dangerous criminal.
- a convicted criminal (=someone who has been found guilty of a crime)
- The new law will ensure that habitual criminals (=criminals who commit crimes repeatedly) receive tougher punishments than first-time offenders.
- Teenagers should not be sent to prison to mix with hardened criminals (=criminals who have committed and will continue to commit a lot of crimes).

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THESAURUS

- **criminal** someone who is involved in illegal activities or has been proved guilty of a crime. **Criminal** is used especially about someone who often does things that are illegal: Criminals are stealing people's credit card details off the Internet. | He is one of the most wanted criminals in the United States.
- **offender** someone who breaks the law: The courts should impose tougher punishments on offenders. | a special prison for young offenders
- **crook** *informal* a dishonest person, especially one who steals money and who you cannot trust: Some politicians are crooks, but not all of them. | They're just a bunch of crooks.
- **felon** *law especially American English* someone who has committed a serious crime: Convicted felons should not be allowed to profit from their crimes.
- **the culprit** the person who has done something wrong or illegal: The culprits were never found. | If I ever catch the culprit, he or she is in big trouble. | The culprits were just six years old.
- **delinquent** a young person who behaves badly and is likely to commit crimes - used especially in the phrase **juvenile delinquent**: He later worked with juvenile delinquents in a Florida youth services program.
- **accomplice** someone who helps a criminal to do something illegal: Police believe the murderer must have had an accomplice.

■ different types of criminal

- **thief** someone who steals things: Car thieves have been working in the area. | The thieves stole over £5,000 worth of jewellery.
- **robber** someone who steals money or valuable things from a bank, shop etc – used especially when someone sees the person who is stealing: a masked robber armed with a shotgun | They were the most successful bank robbers in US history.
- **burglar** someone who goes into people's homes in order to steal: The burglars broke in through a window.
- **shoplifter** someone who takes things from shops without paying for them: The cameras have helped the store catch several shoplifters.
- **pickpocket** someone who steals things from people's pockets, especially in a crowd: A sign warned that pickpockets were active in the station.
- **conman/fraudster** someone who deceives people in order to get money or things: Conmen tricked the woman into giving them her savings, as an 'investment'.
- **forger** someone who illegally copies official documents, money, artworks etc: a forger who fooled museum curators
- **counterfeiter** someone who illegally copies money, official documents, or goods: Counterfeiters in Colombia are printing almost perfect dollar bills.
- **pirate** someone who illegally copies and sells another person's work: DVD pirates
- **mugger** someone who attacks and robs people in public places: Muggers took his money and mobile phone.
- **murderer** someone who deliberately kills someone else: His murderer was sentenced to life imprisonment. | the murderer of civil rights activist Medgar Evers | He is a mass murderer (=someone who kills a large number of people).

- **serial killer** someone who kills several people, one after the other over a period of time, in a similar way: Shipman was a trusted family doctor who became Britain's worst serial killer.
- **rapist** someone who forces someone else to have sex: Some rapists drug their victims so that they become unconscious.
- **sex offender** someone who is guilty of a crime related to sex: Too many sex offenders are released from prison early.
- **vandal** someone who deliberately damages public property: Vandals broke most of the school's windows.
- **arsonist** someone who deliberately sets fire to a building: The warehouse fire may have been the work of an arsonist.

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