

A life of crime

I can listen for paraphrase.

Listening Strategy

The information that you need to understand in the recorded text may be expressed differently in the task. Listen out for synonyms (e.g. *hate / can't stand*) and antonyms (e.g. *win / lose*), and also for information and ideas that are paraphrased (worded differently).

1 Read the sentences and choose the best synonym or paraphrase for the underlined words (a, b or c).

- The image of an outlaw appeals to a lot of people.
 - is attractive to
 - is similar to
 - annoys
- Members of the gang made large amounts of money.
 - were very short of money
 - needed a lot of money
 - became very rich
- They stole rings and necklaces from shops.
 - treasure
 - jewellery
 - clothes
- Many people were unemployed at that time.
 - didn't have jobs
 - were working
 - were poor
- The robbery did not last very long.
 - was not successful
 - was short
 - was the first of many
- She told the police that she didn't own the car.
 - she disliked the car
 - she didn't use the car
 - the car didn't belong to her

2 **2.09** Listen to six short monologues. Answer the questions about each speaker.

- Does speaker 1 usually buy clothes or jewellery for his wife's birthday?

- Did speaker 2 have a long or short illness after a holiday in Africa?

- Does speaker 3 like or dislike the idea of going BASE jumping?

- Did speaker 4's computer company make her rich?

- Did speaker 5's parents own the house he lived in when he was a child?

- When speaker 6 lived in Greece, was her father employed or unemployed?

3 Choose the word which makes sentence b mean the same as sentence a.

- They were like celebrities.
 - They **were / weren't** very well-known.
- We made up some of the stories about them.
 - All / Not all** of the stories about them were true.
- He was a good student.
 - He did **badly / well** at school.
- They were always in trouble with the law.
 - The police **often / never** caught them committing crimes.
- We rarely argued.
 - We **often had / did not often have** disagreements.
- Neither of them got out of the castle alive.
 - They both died **inside / outside** the castle.
- He never killed anyone.
 - He **was / was not** a murderer.

4 **2.10** Listen to a radio programme about a famous criminal called Ma Barker and her sons. Complete the fact file.

Born:	
Real name:	
Husband:	
Number of sons:	
Died:	

5 **2.10** Listen again. Choose the correct answer, a or b. Sometimes both answers are correct.

- During her own lifetime, Ma Barker was
 - a very well-known criminal.
 - the only well-known criminal in the USA.
- The newspapers printed some stories about Ma Barker which were
 - true.
 - invented.
- At school, Ma Barker's sons
 - were not good students.
 - behaved well most of the time.
- George Barker argued with his wife because
 - she did not support their sons.
 - he did not want their sons to be criminals.
- In 1935, the police killed
 - Ma Barker.
 - Ma Barker's son, Fred.