

## 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

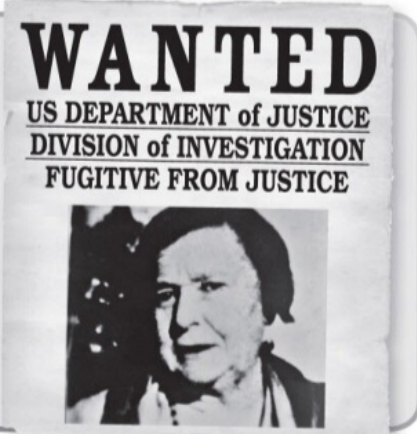

2 **2.09** Listen to six short monologues. Answer the questions about each speaker.

- Does speaker 1 usually buy clothes or jewellery for his wife's birthday?  
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- Did speaker 2 have a long or short illness after a holiday in Africa?  
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- Does speaker 3 like or dislike the idea of going BASE jumping?  
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- Did speaker 4's computer company make her rich?  
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- Did speaker 5's parents own the house he lived in when he was a child?  
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- When speaker 6 lived in Greece, was her father employed or unemployed?  
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## 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:	 <p><b>WANTED</b> US DEPARTMENT of JUSTICE DIVISION of INVESTIGATION FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE</p> 
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.