

Conversation Questions

Crime and punishment

- Are some parts of your city considered more dangerous than others? Which parts?
- Are there problems with crime where you live?
- Do you believe that the death penalty would prevent crime? Why/why not?
- Have you ever been the victim of a crime? What happened? Has someone you know been the victim
 - of a mugging?
- Are there any legal drugs that should be illegal? If so, why?
- Are there any illegal drugs that should be legal? If so, why?
- Do you think there will be more or less crime in the future?
- Do you think your country is a safe place to live? Why/why not?
- Does prison help rehabilitate criminals? Should it?
- Have you ever witnessed a crime?
- Should a person who steals always be punished?
- Is drunk driving a serious crime where you live? What is the punishment?
- Is it ever O.K. to break the law? If so, when?
- Do you think the legal system in your country is fair?
- Do you think guns help prevent crime?
- What are some things that are legal that you personally think should be illegal?
- Has the crime rate in your country increased or decreased in recent years? Why/why not?
- What crimes have you heard about recently in the news?
- What kinds of crime are most common in your country? What are the penalties for these crimes?
- Why do people commit crimes?
- Do you think the death penalty is a good idea?
- What are the causes of terrorism?
- Is terrorism a problem in your country?
- Is there a lot of corruption in your country?
- How big a problem is organised crime in your country?
- Have you ever been to a court of law? Talk about your experience.
- Do you think trial by jury is a good idea?
- Describe the legal system in your country.