

UNIT 1

Theft

Coach: _____

FBI statistics show an average increase in crime of 550% since 1960, while the population grew only 45%.

1. Why has there been such a large increase in theft and other crimes in the U. S.? _____

2. There are many kinds of theft. Mark the ones you have been involved in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Car theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoplifting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burglary | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Robbery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forgery | <input type="checkbox"/> Theft of services | <input type="checkbox"/> Scams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft by checks (hot check) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor theft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance fraud | <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen property | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

There are two kinds of people in society. Those who choose to break laws and those who choose to be good citizens.

3. What problems do dishonest citizens face in life? _____

4. When people have a choice to do right or wrong, why do they choose to do wrong? _____

There could be many reasons why a person would choose to shoplift or commit other forms of theft. The first step is to be honest with yourself. People who deny responsibility for their bad choices keep suffering the same consequences. T or F?

5. People who admit their faults grow. Those who don't stay stagnant. Choose one of the following options.

- I'm guilty. I knew what I was doing. I'm not guilty. I didn't know anything about it.

6. If you are not responsible for your life then who is? _____

If you are guilty, mark the statements that apply to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I steal for a living. | <input type="checkbox"/> I steal because I have emotional problems. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was stealing for drugs. | <input type="checkbox"/> I have criminal values. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I thought I could get away with it. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was forced to do it. I am being controlled. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone else does it. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was mad at someone or the company. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I get a rush or high from stealing. | <input type="checkbox"/> They deserved it; they can afford it. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a compulsive thief (kleptomaniac). | <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't think it through. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I needed money for reasons other than drug purchases. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did it to get-even with someone. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am a drug addict or alcoholic. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did it because I was bored. | <input type="checkbox"/> I made a bad choice. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I did it to get attention. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was influenced by peers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was depressed. | <input type="checkbox"/> The system is unfair. The rich get richer. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I put the item on me and forgot it. | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't care about others, just me. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am poor and needed the thing I stole. | <input type="checkbox"/> I was tempted. I'm only human. |

If you were not guilty, mark the statements that apply to you.

- I didn't do it. They made a mistake.
 The criminal justice system is messed up.
 Little green men took over my body.
 I'm not responsible. I have a mental illness.
 Other: _____

