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Definition

noun

1. something that people do that is against the law.

Stealing is a crime.

2. illegal activity in general.

Police try to fight crime.

There is more crime in a city than in this small town.

Advanced Definition

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1. an act that violates the law of a state, nation, or other entity, and that endangers the public welfare in some way.

Armed robbery is a serious crime.

He committed his first crime when he was fourteen.

Poor people were the victims of this awful crime.

2. an act against moral or natural law; sin.

It's a crime that these children are allowed to go hungry and homeless.

Cutting down all those trees is a crime in my opinion.

3. illegal activity in general.

The mayor promised to put a stop to crime.

Her novels are always about crime.

These are some examples of how the word *crime* can be used.

1. Experts credit public curfews for the drop in crime.
2. The defendant is the person accused of doing some crime.
3. One lawyer wants to show that a person is guilty of a crime.
4. Forensic scientists carefully study fingerprints at a crime scene.
5. Teens who want to commit a crime won't let a curfew stop them.
6. This evidence proves facts that can suggest the person accused of the crime is either guilty or innocent.
7. It shall be my work this evening to prove to you that in thus voting, I not only committed no crime, but, instead, simply exercised my citizen's right, guaranteed to me and all United States citizens by the National Constitution, beyond the power of any State to deny...