**LESSON PLAN**

Upper-Intermediate and Advanced Conversation

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**Topic: Crime**

**Goal:** to have students practice speaking skills

**Objectives:**

1. To provide students with the necessary vocabulary to speak about crimes;
2. To provide students with some information about crimes in Russia and what they should be aware of going there;
3. To provide students with the opportunity to express their opinions on capital punishment and to argue in foreign language.

**Content:**

1. **Warm-up discussion (5 minutes):** Have any of them ever been a victim of a crime? What happened? How did they feel?
2. **Activity 1 – Listening activity (20 minutes):**Video “Criminal weather forecast” about seasonal crimes in Russia - <http://www.1tv.ru/sprojects_utro_video/si33/p24132/pg150>
   1. Watching for the first time;
   2. What this video about?
   3. According to the video, what kind of crimes prevails in summer / autumn / winter / spring? Why?
   4. Do you agree with the video’s authors that “seasonal crimes” exist? Do you think this video is trustworthy?
   5. Students get the vocabulary for the video and we discuss what is unclear
   6. Watching for the second time
3. **Activity 2 (10 minutes)**: Students get a list of 10-15 crimes and in groups of 3-4 people have to put them in an order from the lightest to the gravest. Follow-up argument and/or discussion about why they think that something is graver than some other crimes.
4. **Activity 3** **– For and Against (15 minutes)**: In two groups students should defend or argue with the phrase «Capital panishment is the only way to deter criminals». 5 minutes for discussion and writing down the arguments, 10 minutes for the dispute.
5. **Activity 4 - Test (10 minutes)**:A teacher reads questions and points for each of the questions and explains if anything is unclear. Students should check «yes» or «no».

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| 1. Do you often walk in areas which are not very save? | Yes = 1 | No = 0 |
| 2. Do you often walk on your own in these areas late at night? | Yes = 2 | No = 0 |
| 3. Do you take big amounts of money when you go out? | Yes = 1 | No = 0 |
| 4. Do you wear an expensive watch or jewellery? | Yes = 1 | No = 0 |
| 5. Do you check doors and windows before you go out when your home is empty? | Yes = 0 | No = 2 |
| 6. Do you have a burglar alarm? | Yes = 0 | No = 1 |
| 7. Do you leave lights on when you go out? | Yes = 0 | No = 1 |
| 8. Is there someone who protects the building while you are out? | Yes = 0 | No = 2 |
| 9. Do you have a safe in your home? | Yes = 0 | No = 1 |

Results:

Less than 3 = very, very safe;

3-5 = quite safe;

6-8 = you could take a lot more care;

more than 8 = you are a dangerous person to know!

**Follow up:** In groups of 3-4 people students should make a role play about some criminal situation.

**Resources:** Handouts: 1) list of vocabulary for the listening activity; 2) list of crimes.

**List of crimes for Activity 2:**

1. Кража в магазине – Shoplifting
2. Убийство – Murder
3. Грабеж – Robbery
4. Изнасилование - Rape
5. Угон автомобиля – Car theft
6. Вымогательство - Mugging
7. Терроризм - Terrorism
8. Торговля наркотиками – Drug pushing
9. Кража со взломом - Burglary
10. Вандализм - Vandalism
11. Шантаж - Blackmail
12. Убийство по неосторожности – Manslaughter

**Vocabulary for the video:**

Пальцем не тронуть

Электрошокер (ударить – чем? – электрошокером)

Типичное преступление

Караулить (кого? – прохожих)

Ценные вещи (отбирать – что? – ценные вещи)

Традиционно

Совершить преступление

Открыть сезон

Уличные нападения

Грабеж

Разбой

Психические заболевания

Всплеск

На стыке сезонов

Угасать

По мере

Стабильная погода

Обострение

Маньяк

Убийство

Изнасилование

Следователь

Адвокат

Задержание (задержать = арестовать)

Попойка

«Бытовуха» - бытовое преступление

Алкогольное опьянение (в состоянии алкогольного опьянения)

Насильственное преступление

Побои

Дачная кража (дачник)

Вылезти из норы

Автоугонщик (угонять – что? – автомобили)

Вырастает спрос («спрос рождает предложение»)

Смена сезона

Криминальная хроника

Преступник

Лестничная клетка

Законный владелец

Напасть (что?) ≠ напасть (что сделать?) на кого-то

Домушник

Квартирная кража

Мошенники и аферисты

Вандализм; акты вандализма

Давать сбой / не давать сбоев