

The Police

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forged	break into
haul	make off with
juvenile	sharp-eyed

1. **detained** - kept in a place and not allowed to leave

Awaiting trial, he was detained in the county jail.

[detention n., detainment n., detainee n.]

2. **pending** - waiting for, not finished yet

He was ordered to stay away from his wife pending the divorce trial.

3. **fake** adj. - not real; not genuine

The diamond is a fake. That's why it's so cheap.

[a faker]

4. **to pilfer** v. - to steal small cheap things

The workers were pilfering company pencils and bringing them home.

5. **to forge** v. - to copy, making something look as real as possible in order to deceive people

The criminal used a forged passport, because the police were looking for him.

[a forgery, forgery, a forger]

6. **to break into somewhere** v. -

The thief broke into the house late at night and stole a television set.

7. **a haul** n. - things (money, good, etc.) that have been stolen

They discovered a large haul of illegal drugs when they raided warehouse in Mae Sai.

8. **to make off with something** - to take something and leave quickly

Someone made off with the bag I left on the chair while I went to the bathroom.

9. **juvenile** adj. - a child, not yet an adult

Since the suspect was not 18 years old, he was tried in juvenile court.

10. **sharp-eyed** n. - very good at noticing things, especially small details

The sharp-eyed store owner saw I child putting some candy in their pocket.

11. **to detect** v. - to discover, find

My friends cannot detect that the Polo shirt I am wearing is a fake.

[detection, detective, detectable, detector]

Exercise 1 - Antonym matching:

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|---------------------|-------------|
| _____ 1. detained | a. adult |
| _____ 2. pilfered | b. blind |
| _____ 3. fake | c. set free |
| _____ 4. juvenile | d. real |
| _____ 5. sharp-eyed | e. bought |

Exercise 2 – Gap-filling:

made off with - pending – haul – forged – broke into

1. A recent bank robbery had the largest _____ in history.
2. The court has over 600 cases _____.
3. The spy _____ the office using a special key.
4. The bank detected the _____ money with a special machine.
5. The thief _____ my wallet while I was walking through crowded Chtuchak market.

Teens arrested with fake money stolen from bank

Three teenage robbery suspects have been arrested in Pattaya after a **sharp-eyed** street **vendor** noticed they were trying to spend **fake** money – that had been stolen from a local bank – police said yesterday.

Two 15-year-old boys and a 16-year-old girl **broke into** the Siam Commercial Bank in the seaside resort of Pattaya, Chon Buri province, early on Monday, **making off with** a bundle of bank notes and mobile telephones, said Pol Maj Sutham Chaosithong. But the teen robbers' **haul** also included a stack of **fake** bank notes, the officer said.

Branch manager Kitiphol Kramwong said the bank had **detected** 30 **fake** notes in the past week, marked them as such, and left them in an easy-to-access drawer – which robbers had **pilfered**.

It was not clear whether the robbers realised they had stolen **fake** money.

While police were inspecting the scene of the crime, they were told that vendors at a nearby market had caught the three teenagers trying to buy goods with **forged** money, Pol Maj Sutham said.

The young suspects have since been **detained** at a social welfare detention centre **pending** a **juvenile** court ruling on the case, he said.

Comprehension questions

1. to be written
2. to be written