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| Capital punishment | Death penalty; state sanctioned execution for a capital offence; not legal in UK. |
| Community service order | UK punishment involving the criminal doing a set number of hours of physical labour. |
| Conscience | Sense of right and wrong; guilty voice in our head; seen as the voice of God by many religious believers. |
| Corporal punishment | Punishment in which physical pain is inflicted on the criminal; not legal in the UK. |
| Crime | Action which breaks the law; can be against the person (eg murder), against property (eg vandalism), or against the state (eg treason). |
| Deterrence | Aim of punishment to put a person off committing a crime by the level of punishment. |
| Duty | What we have a responsibility to do. |
| Evil | Something or someone considered morally very wrong or wicked; often linked to the idea of a devil or other malevolent being. |
| Forgiveness | Letting go of blame against a person for wrongs they have done; moving on. |
| Greed | Reason for committing crime – wanting or desiring something or more of something. |
| Hate crime | A crime committed because of prejudice, eg assaulting a person because they are gay or Asian. |
| Imprisonment | Locking someone up and taking away of civil liberties of a criminal. |
| Law | The rules a country demands its citizens follow, the breaking of which leads to punishment. |
| Murder | Unlawfully killing another person. |
| Order | The enforcement of rules, eg by a police force. |
| Parole | Release of a criminal from prison under the condition they will meet with a parole officer who can monitor their behaviour. |
| Protection | Additional aim of punishment; to keep people safe. |
| Reformation | Aim of punishment; helping the criminal see how and why their behaviour was wrong, so that their mindset changes for the better. |
| Reparation | Additional aim of punishment; where the criminal makes up for, or pays back for, their crimes. |
| Retribution | Aim of punishment; getting the criminal back for their crimes. |
| Theft | Taking something without the owner’s consent. |
| Victim | Those who are directly affected by a crime, eg the person assaulted. |
| Vindication | Additional aim of punishment; the punishment exists to justify the law. |
| Young offenders | Criminals under the age of 18. |