

## A Daytime robbery

### Vocabulary

1. **Arm** - A human limb; technically the part of the superior limb between the shoulder and the elbow but commonly used to refer to the whole superior limb

Sample sentence: [I had an amazing time, even though I had a broken arm.](#)

2. **Counter** - a long flat surface where customers are served, foreexample in a shop or a bank

Sample sentence: [Counter at the chemist / drug store.](#)

3. **Cover all** -A loose-fitting protective garment that is worn over other clothing

Sample sentence: [He saw a man dressed in white painter's coverall.](#)

4. **Depot** - A depository for goods. [Storage]

Sample sentence: [Depots were built close to the docks.](#)

5. **Hop** - to jump up or move somewhere quickly

Sample sentence: [He hopped over the puddle.](#)

6. **Hostage** - A prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms

Sample sentence: [The kidnappers are asking a million dollars in return for the release of their hostage.](#)

7. **Mask** - A covering to disguise or conceal the face.

Sample sentence: [Masked gunmen had given them only a few minutes to leave their homes.](#)

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### Let's read

Rod was a manager at House Depot. He worked about 50 hours a week. He loved his job, although the extra hours cut into the time he could spend with his three little girls. One morning he was supposed to go home at 7 a.m. Instead, he stayed on to help out for three more hours. He was just about to leave at 10 a.m. when he heard something.

At one of the checkout counters, he saw a man dressed in white painter's coveralls pointing a gun at the female checker. He had on a yellow cap, a white plastic painter's mask, and white gloves.

Rod hurried over. Times in Los Angeles had changed. All managers now received training on how to respond to armed robberies and hostage-taking. Rod was nervous, but he knew what he was supposed to do. He approached the gunman.

"Sir, please don't point that gun at me. We will give you all the money."

The gunman didn't even wait for Rod to finish his sentence. He shot Rod in the stomach. The checker screamed. The gunman ran out to a white van and hopped in. The van sped off.

Rod didn't even make it to surgery. The killing made all the TV news shows. House Depot offered a \$100,000 reward.

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### Discussion A

1. If you were Rod would you do the same thing?
2. What are some things people can do to protect themselves from crime?

### Discussion B

1. If your friend has committed a serious crime, how would you act?
2. What is the difference between crime and sin?