

# Strange Crimes



## ● Warm-up Questions

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1. How often do you go to a convenience store? Why do you go?

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2. Did you ever have a strange experience in a public bath?

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3. Where are some places you are afraid to go?

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4. What is happening in the picture above?

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## VOCABULARY

● WRITE THE CORRECT WORD IN THE SENTENCES BELOW

got into trouble, arrested, local, help himself, according to, the charge, at least, wig, nature called, frantically, running out of time, stall, invading, guilty, trial

1. I have \_\_\_\_\_ 500 comic books in my home. Maybe I have over 1,000.
2. The man \_\_\_\_\_ looked for his wallet, but couldn't find it anywhere.
3. Ants are \_\_\_\_\_ my home right now, so I want to stop that.
4. I try to buy \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables because they are more delicious.
5. There is only 10 minutes left in our class. We are \_\_\_\_\_.

## Strange Crimes

In January, some men got into trouble with the police for doing some strange acts.

First, police in Kumamoto arrested a 60-year-old man for stealing coffee. Mahiro Shibayama liked to visit a local convenience store in the morning to buy some coffee. He would pay 100 yen for a cup of coffee and fill up his cup by himself.

However, the man decided to help himself to a large cafe latte which costs 200 yen. One watchful worker noticed he was pushing the latte button on the machine instead of the cheaper, regular coffee button.

According to the police, Mr. Shibayama has admitted to the charge. He told the police that he had done the same thing at least 20 times during the last few months.

Another story in the news happened in Hiroshima, where police arrested a 36-year-old man after he was caught in the women's area at a public bathhouse early Sunday morning.

According to the police, Hiroshi Nakaoka, who is a high school teacher, entered the women's area of the bathhouse at around 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Fuji TV reported. He was wearing a long wig, make-up and had a towel wrapped around his body to hide his male body parts.

However, a woman inside the bath noticed something was strange about him, and called the staff. A worker brought Nakaoka out of the bath and held him until police arrived.

Lastly, a 64-year-old man had to go to court for using a woman's toilet in the Hamamatsu Science Museum.

Last December, the man was out taking a walk when nature called. The man frantically searched for a public toilet, but could not find one.

He noticed that he was close to the museum, and rushed inside. Lucky for him, the museum has toilets in the lobby. Unlucky for him, the toilets were being cleaned and were unavailable to use. However, the man was running out of time.

In a panic, the man decided to run into the toilets being cleaned, entering the nearest stall. However, he had chosen the wrong toilet, and went into the women's toilet.

When he realized he was in the wrong toilet, it was too late. He was arrested for invading the ladies room. If found guilty, he would have to pay a fine of 100,000 yen.

After a 20-day trial, judge Ayako Sasabe decided that the man was not guilty of a crime. The man only needed to use a toilet.



## PREPOSITION PRACTICE

Fill in the blanks using: near, of, for, to, as, from, in, at, like, on, out, into, about

Write a proper preposition for each sentence. Sometimes, there is more than one answer.

1. What happened \_\_\_\_\_ you? You look \_\_\_\_\_ you just saw a monster.
2. Almost all \_\_\_\_\_ the convenience stores \_\_\_\_\_ my home have big parking lots.
3. I didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ the robbery \_\_\_\_\_ the bank.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Youtube, I watched a video \_\_\_\_\_ a man calling the police \_\_\_\_\_ help.
5. Nothing exciting happened \_\_\_\_\_ my holiday. I just rested \_\_\_\_\_ home.
6. I found \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ my friend that the coffee \_\_\_\_\_ that shop is great.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ my childhood, a robber broke \_\_\_\_\_ my home and stole money  
\_\_\_\_\_ my safe.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ fact, it was my dad's safe, and he kept coins made \_\_\_\_\_ gold \_\_\_\_\_  
the safe.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion, the police are too strict \_\_\_\_\_ old people who do crimes.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ a foreigner \_\_\_\_\_ Japan, I think this is the safest country \_\_\_\_\_ the  
world.

## WRITING SENTENCES

1. strange: \_\_\_\_\_
2. fill up: \_\_\_\_\_
3. machine: \_\_\_\_\_
4. court: \_\_\_\_\_
5. lobby: \_\_\_\_\_
6. panic: \_\_\_\_\_