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**Activity: Discussion**

**Marxism and crime**

**Learning objective**

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- apply Marxist theory to a range of crimes and consider how capitalism links to crime.

Working in pairs, consider the following crimes:

1. A woman steals a loaf of bread from her local supermarket because she has no money.
  2. A young man sells drugs so that he can afford a new pair of trainers.
  3. A gang of youths graffiti a local train station because they are bored.
  4. A company fails to protect its workers because the safety equipment is too expensive and a worker is killed.
- A. In your view, which of these crimes is the worst?
- B. Which of these crimes would you say are most likely and least likely to result in a prosecution? Give reasons for your answer.
- C. Explain how Marxist theories would link each of these crimes to capitalism.