

Task 1. Criminal

1.	Where does the story come from?	a newspaper article
2.	When did he escape?	before the trial
3.	What happened to his passport?	it was confiscated / taken away (by the police)
4.	Where did he find shelter during his voyage?	in the cargo hold
5.	Who knew about him stowing away on the liner?	no one
6.	What did he change?	his identity
7.	When did he manage to make the purchase on the black market?	once he had made enough money
8.	Where was he arrested?	at the airport / border in the US OR whilst re-entering the USA
9.	What was wrong?	his passport had been forged OR his fake passport
10.	What will probably happen now?	(he will go on) trial OR court case

Task 2. Sidewalk rules

11.	The introduction of ... is proposed.	A. the control of traffic B. passer-by education C. codes on sidewalks	C
12.	The change would affect the ... of the traffic.	A. quantity B. behaviour C. direction	C
13.	Sidewalk division is based on the principle of	A. speed B. flow C. gender	A
14.	The hostess warns of the need for	A. new signs B. some control C. new technology	B
15.	The hostess also mentions passer-by passing a ... test.	A. driving B. walking skills C. psychological	B
16.	The hostess seems ... the proposal.	A. not to mind B. to support C. to oppose	C
17.	She claims fewer rules would ... attention.	A. increase B. decrease C. not influence	A
18.	Robert is concerned about the risk of	A. running late B. being stuck in traffic C. bumping into someone	B
19.	The female guest is worried about the regulation inhibiting	A. technological growth B. social encounters C. business efficiency	B
20.	The female guest recalls the ... of pavements in Los Angeles.	A. quality B. condition C. design	C

Criminal

I read an article in the newspaper this morning about a man who had been on the lam for 12 years. He was wanted by the police because they believed he had committed a murder. But before the man could go to trial, he bolted and left the country. He has been on the most wanted list in this state ever since. How did he get away? The police had confiscated his passport, but he wore a disguise and became a stowaway on a ship heading for China. While on the boat, he kept out of sight and was holed up in the cargo section of the ship the entire time. No one even had an inkling that he was on the ship.

When the ship arrived in China, he got off, and immediately assumed a new identity. At first he didn't have any identification, and he had to go underground. But eventually he made enough money to buy a passport on the black market. How did he get caught? He tried to reenter the United States, and the security officers at the airport saw that his passport was forged. He was nabbed right away, and he'll be going to trial soon. That is, unless he escapes.

Sidewalk rules

Robert: I would like to pass a piece of legislation that would require every city in the world with a population of over 50,000 people, say, to require one-way traffic on the sidewalks. Limit people walking together to three abreast, and to create fast outside walking lanes for people who are in a hurry to get someplace, and slow inside lanes for people who like to stroll and chat. The one-ways would be the same everywhere. They would be on the east side going southward on the north-south access, and on the opposite side, going north, and vice versa.

Woman 1: That's a great idea, Robert, we've had the foot police and now it sounds they will need the walk police. Perhaps you will have to require pedestrians to pass a walking test like a driving test before they're allowed to use the pavement or sidewalk, but why not just let people negotiate the way around each other rather than having a nanny state with yet more rules. I think new thinking in traffic control says actually there are less accidents where there are less rules because people take more care.

Robert: That I didn't know. However, I discovered when I tried to get across the street and New York City is my prime example, when I tried to get across the street in New York City that I am always in danger being knocked down or actually being held up in the middle of the street when the light changes and being run over.

Woman 1: I can see Meredith shaking her head.

Woman 2: Robert, I am afraid you've not convinced me. I mean already it seems to me American streets are much more policed than those in other countries. I mean you cannot you aren't even allowed to cross the road except at specially marked places and

Philip: Yes, I hate that.

Woman 2: And what you wanna do is you want to stop me ever bumping into any of my friends because if we are all going the same way down the side of the street, I'll never get to meet anybody. You know it reminds me of kind of spending a year in Los Angeles, where there is plenty of wide pavements in Los Angeles and actually you don't have that kind of problem that you might have in New York and that's because nobody is on the pavement because they are all in their cars. Now I think you know this is

Robert: Yes, this is true.

Woman 2: You know let's this is the thin end of the wedge to the pedestrian-less street.

Woman 1: It's a good point, isn't it, pavement culture, I mean it's a culture where people do move around and meet each other. Philip, what do you think?

Philip: And London has changed with the new law that finally allows us finally, to have cafes on the street like every other city in the world. And I am, Robert, I am not convinced either, I am all for chaos, chance encounters, anything happens. I agree with you Robert, it is very frustrating when you're in a hurry, and you get stuck behind people. But that is part of city life, that is the essence of city life.