

rob



vs



steal

**Rob and steal are both verbs  
that mean  
to take something that is not yours.**

**Rob is used for  
people and places  
while  
steal is used for things.**

**The passive voice  
(the subject receives the action)  
is commonly used  
when speaking about a crime.**

*Active: "A thief stole my laptop."*

*Passive: "My laptop was stolen by a thief."*



# Verb: rob



**Rob means:** to take money, property, etc. from a person or place illegally

V1	V2	V3	V4
Rob	Robbed	Robbed	Robbing

**Synonym:** cheat, swindle, defraud, bilk

- Examples:**
- 1) They **rob** of all their savings.
  - 2) The thief **robbed** me of my watch.
  - 3) She was **robbed** of her pearls and jewels.



# Verb: steal



**Steal means:** to take something from a person, shop, etc.

V1	V2	V3	V4
Steal	Stole	Stolen	Stealing

**Synonym:** purloin, thief, take, carry off

- Examples:**
- 1) It is wrong to **steal**.
  - 2) Somebody **stole** my bag.
  - 3) Her purse was **stolen** from her handbag.

*Rob* is used for  
people and  
places.



Shh,  
I just *robbed*  
a house.

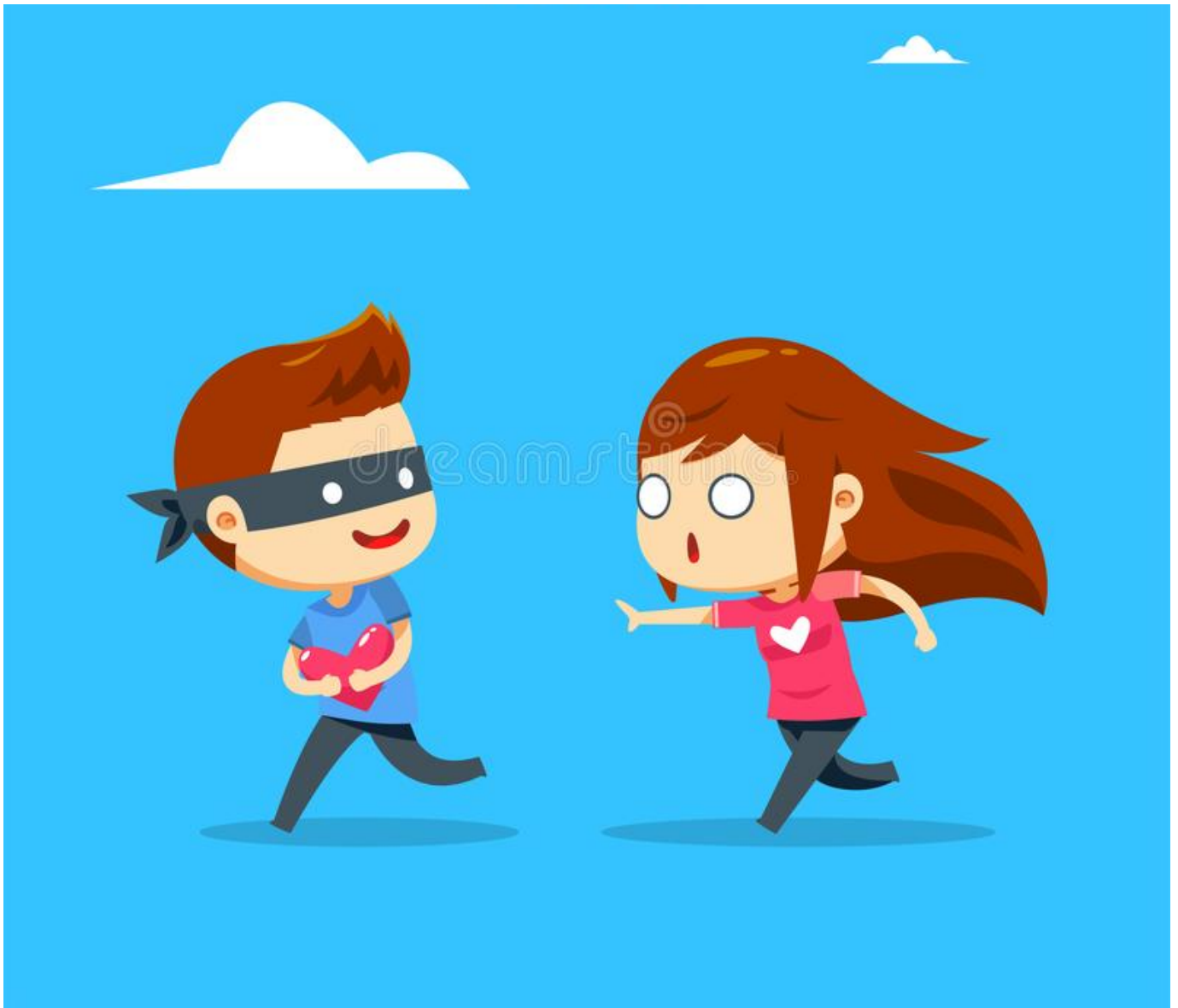


*Steal* is used  
for things.



Shh,  
I just *stole*  
a TV.

*This file may  
steal your heart  
(to make another fall in love).*



Write *rob* or *steal*  
on your whiteboard.

*rob*  
or  
*steal*



*Get ready for  
round one!*



**ROUND**

**1**

rob

steal



Did he \_\_\_\_\_ a bank?



rob



Did he **rob** a bank?

*rob*

*steal*



**How much money did he  
\_\_\_\_\_?**



*steal*



**How much money did he  
*steal*?**

*rob*

*steal*



**I knew someone would  
                     the ring!**

*steal*



**I knew someone would  
*steal* the ring!**

rob

steal



Did he \_\_\_\_\_ your bike?

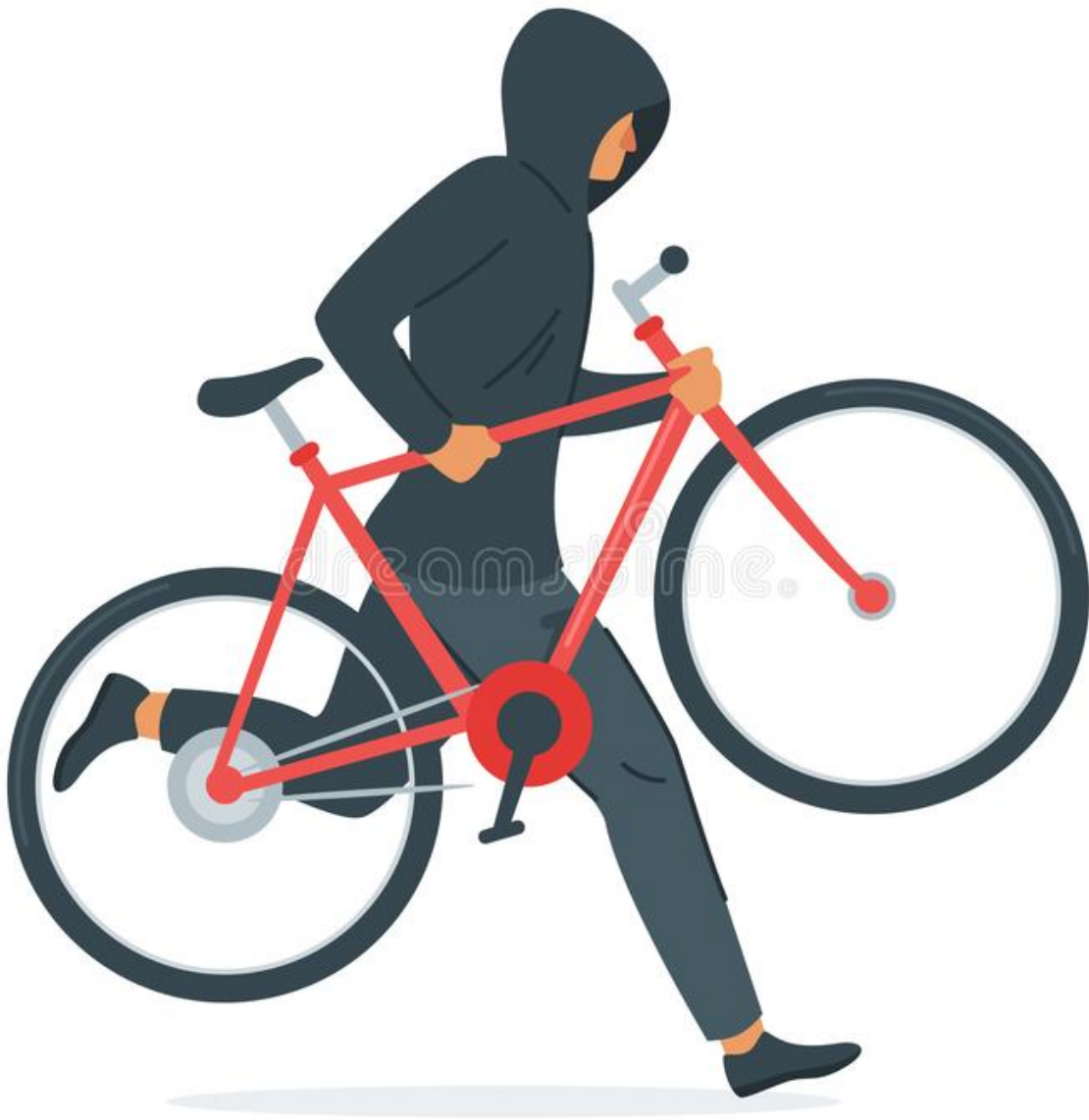
# *steal*



Did he **steal** your bike?

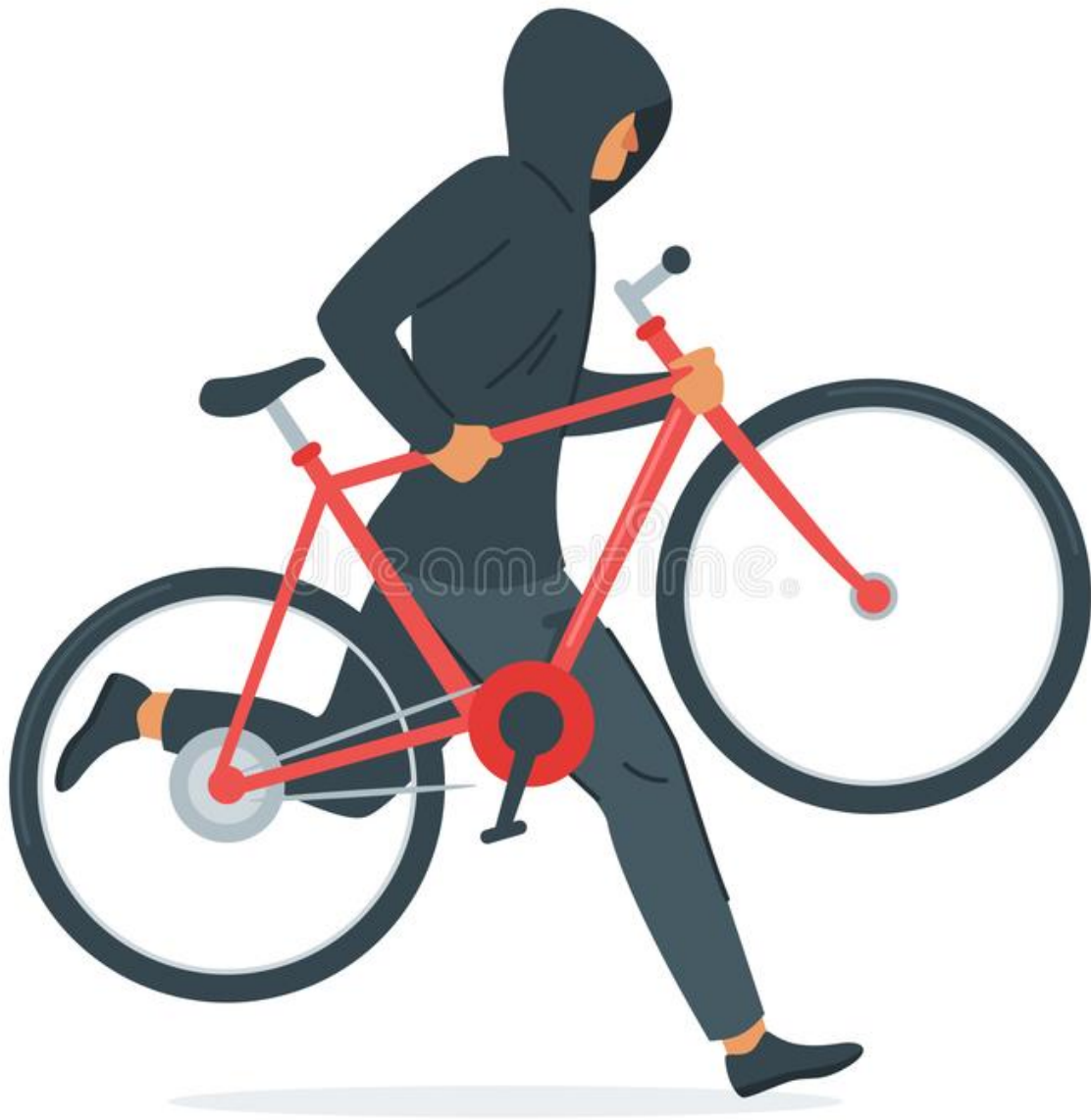
*rob*

*steal*



**Did he \_\_\_\_\_ a bike store?**

rob



Did he **rob** a bike store?

*rob steal*



**Careful, someone may  
\_\_\_\_\_ your laptop.**



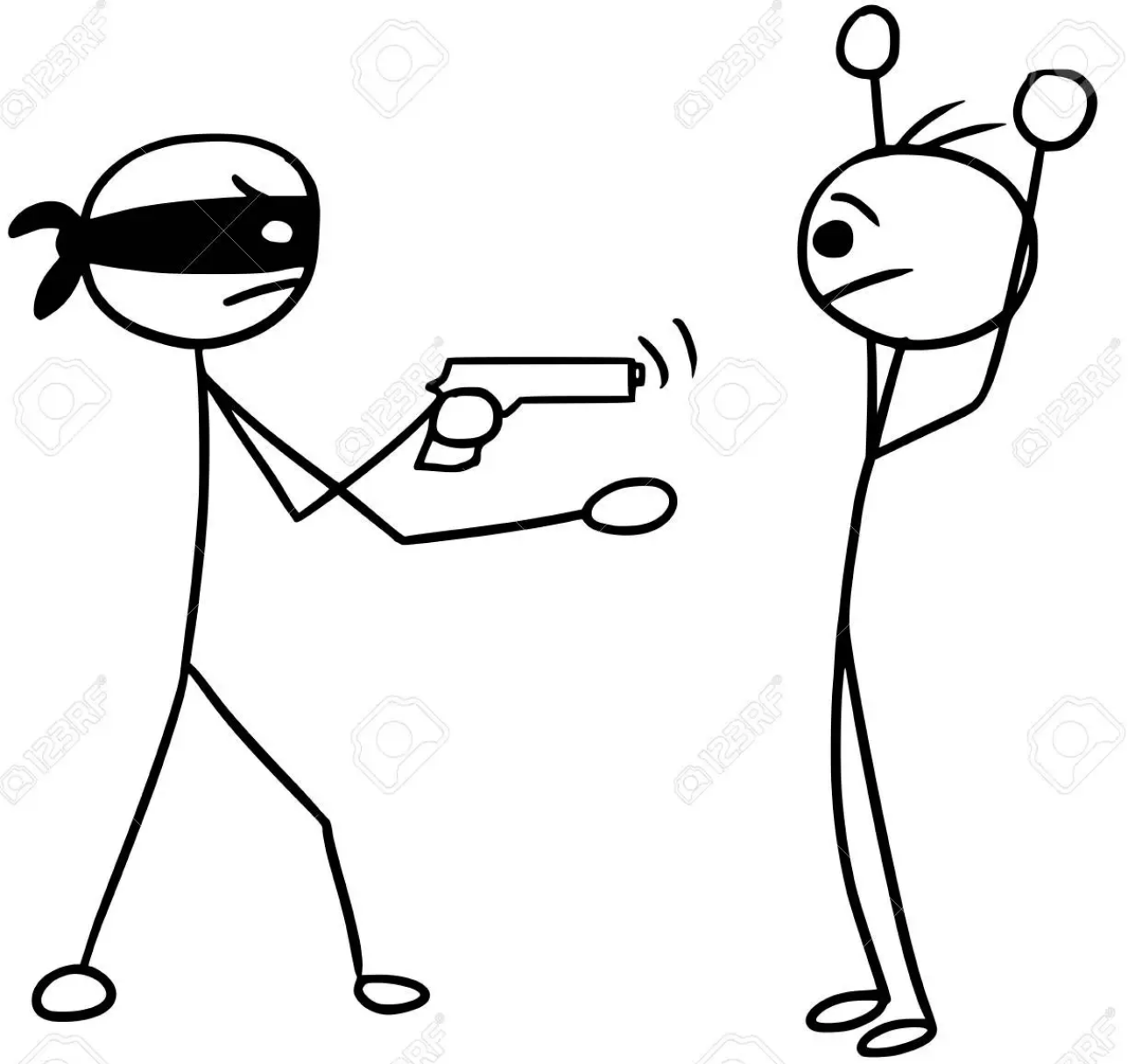
*steal*



Careful, someone  
may **steal** your laptop.

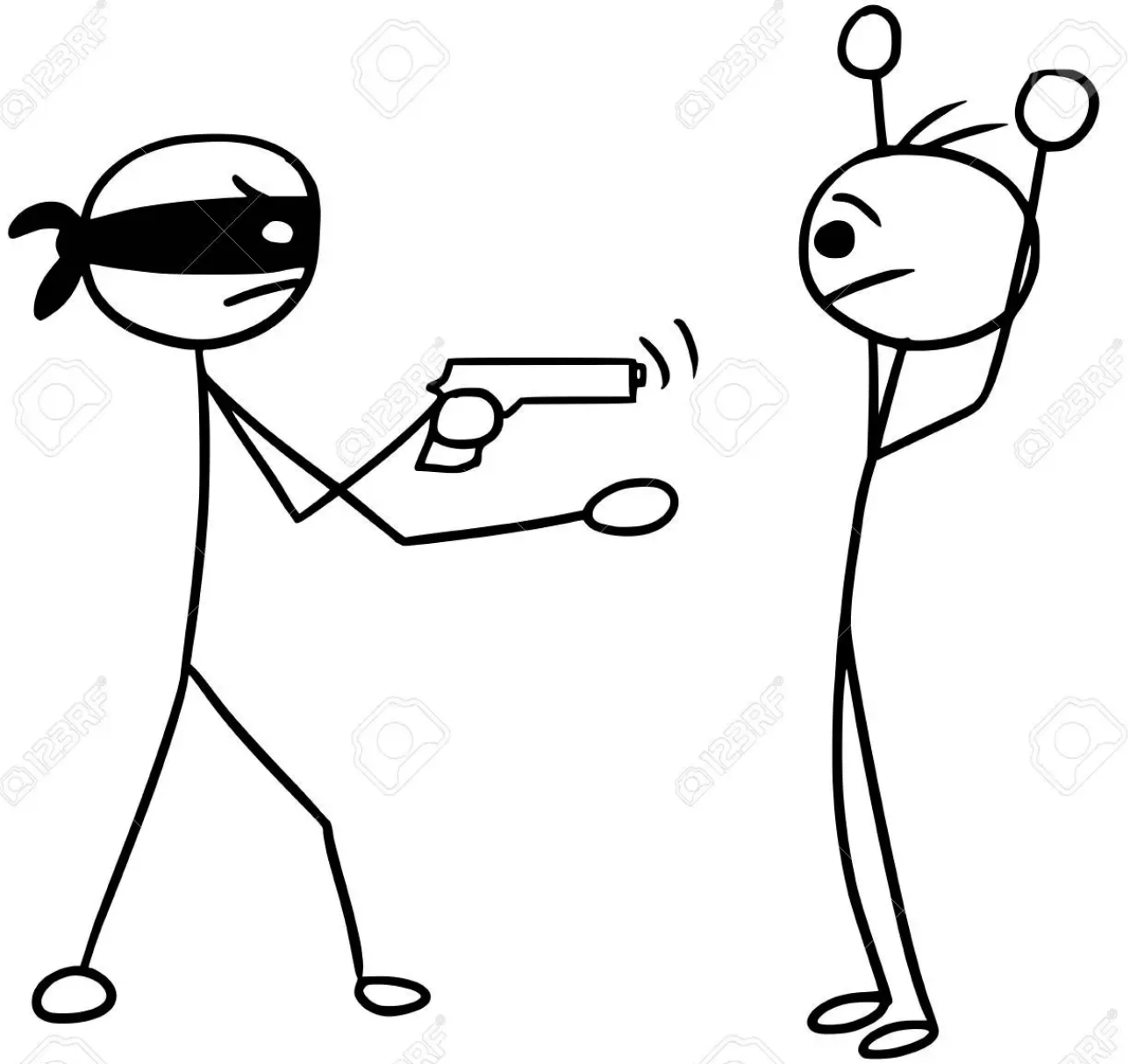
*rob*

*steal*



**Why did he                       
that man?**

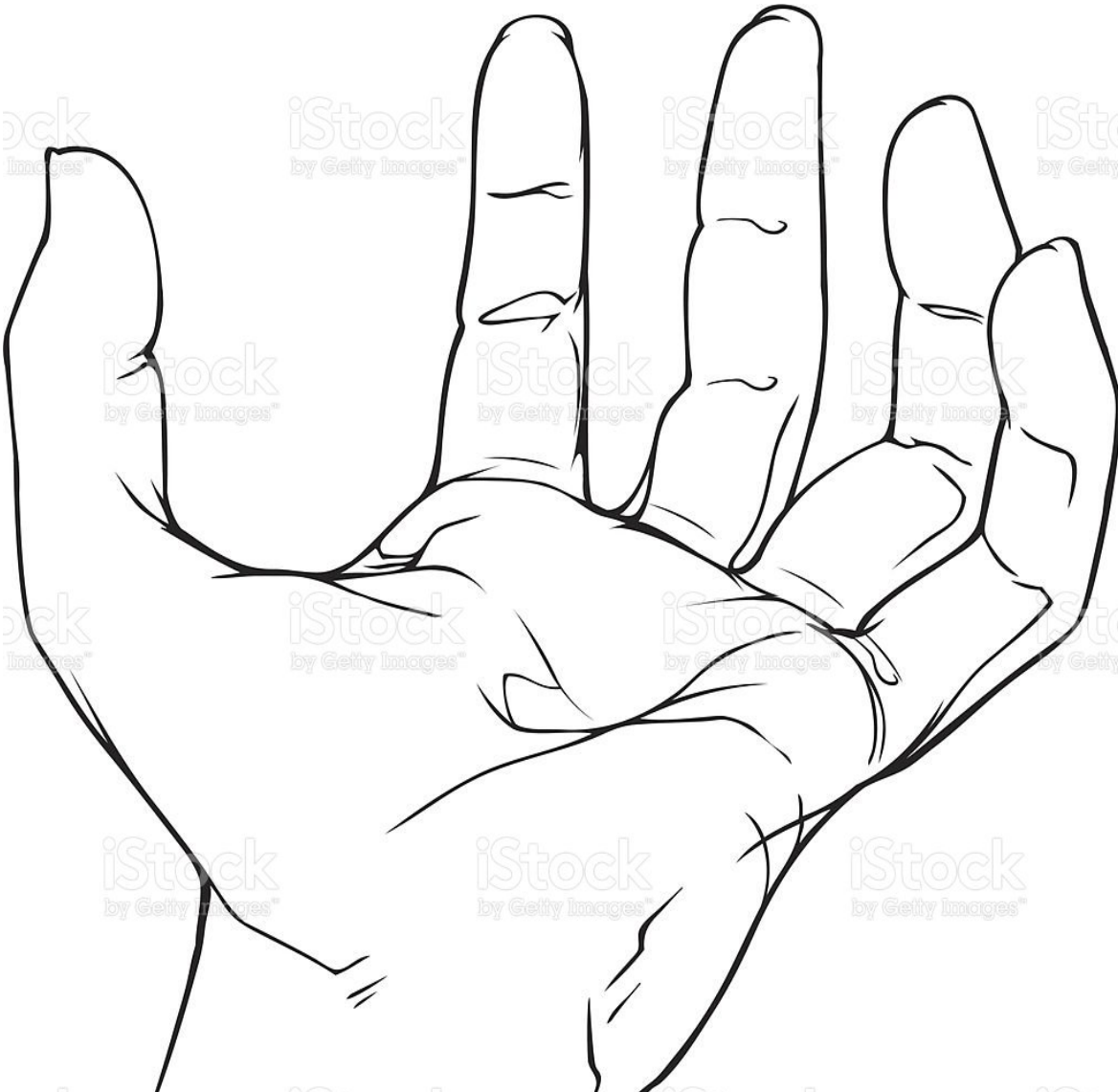
rob



Why did he **rob**  
that man?

*rob*

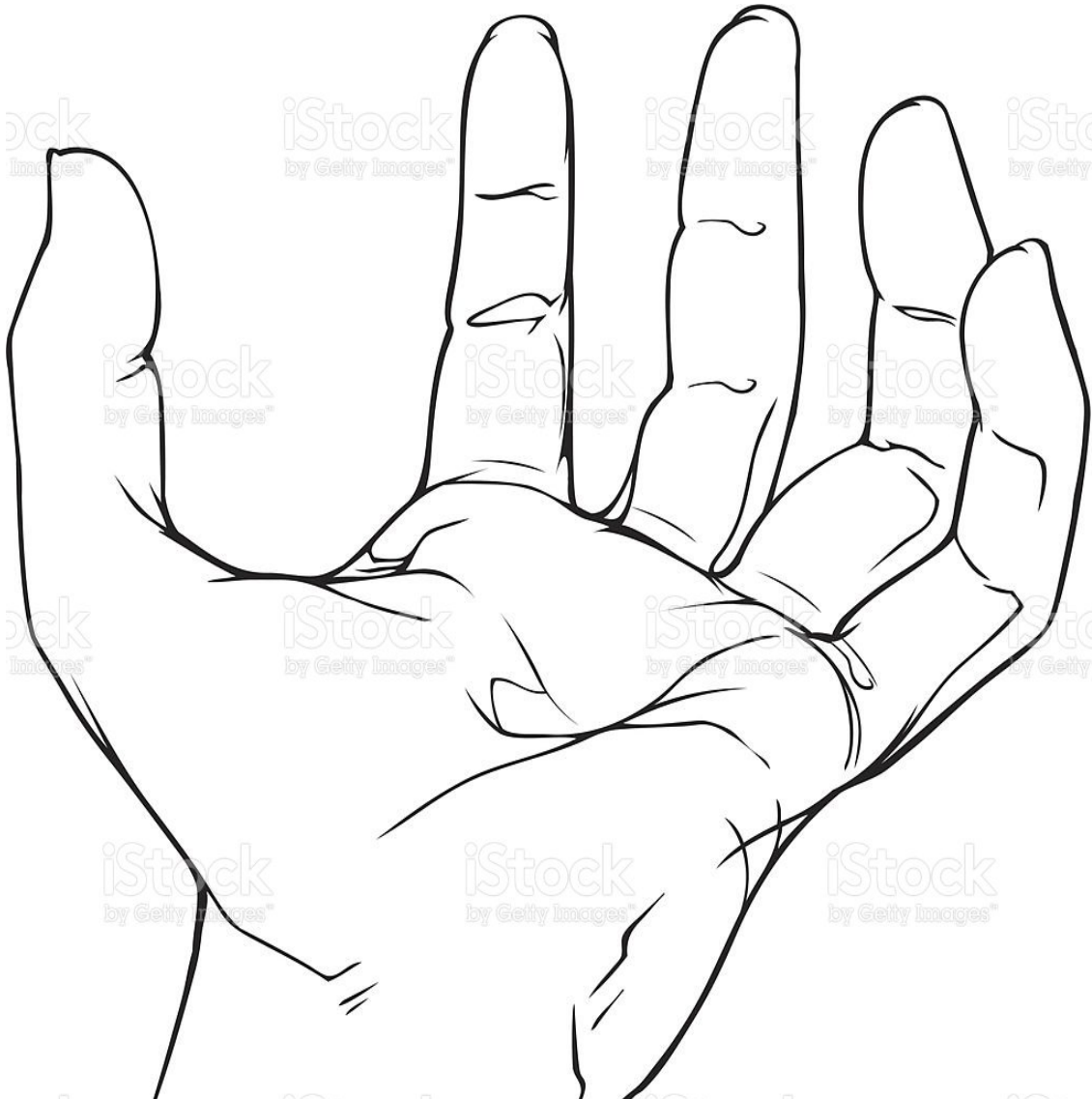
*steal*



**Did someone**

**my phone?**

*steal*



**Did someone  
*steal* my phone?**

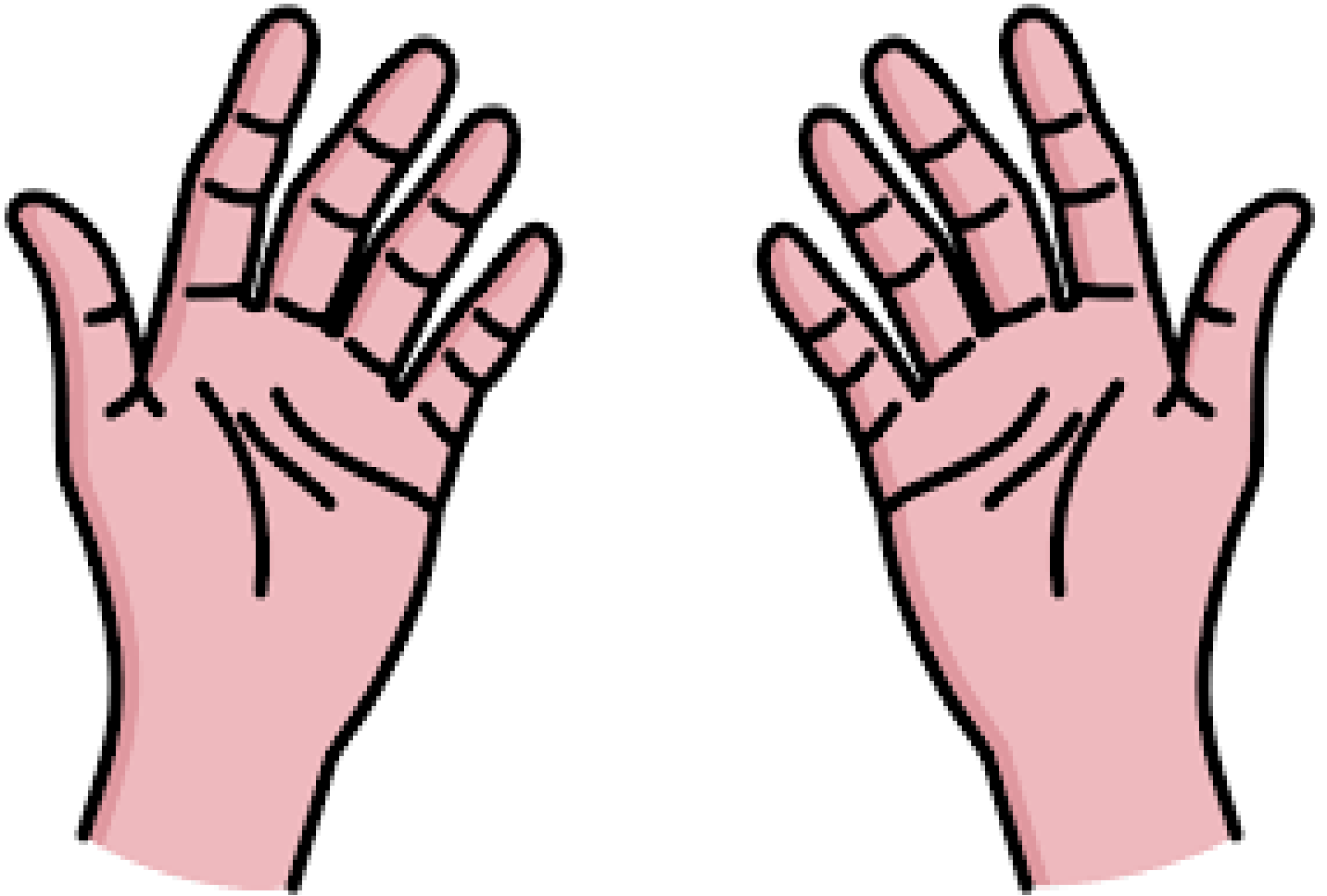
*rob*

*steal*



**Did someone                       
you of your phone?**

*rob*



**Did someone *rob*  
you of your phone?**

*rob*      *steal*



**Only a loser would  
\_\_\_\_\_ a woman's purse.**



*steal*



**Only a loser would  
*steal* a woman's purse.**

*Get ready for the  
second and final round!*



ROUND

2

*rob steal*



**Lock the door because  
someone might  
rob your TV.**



*steal*



**Lock the door because  
someone might  
*steal* your TV.**

*rob*

*steal*



**Never            money  
from a cash register!**

*steal*



**Never *steal* money  
from a cash register!**

*rob*

*steal*



**I know none of my  
students will ever  
                     a bank.**



rob



**I know none of my  
students will ever  
rob a bank.**

rob

steal



**Stop!**

**Don't            that house.**

rob



**Stop!**  
**Don't rob that house.**

*rob steal*



**Wait!**

**Don't                      that house.**

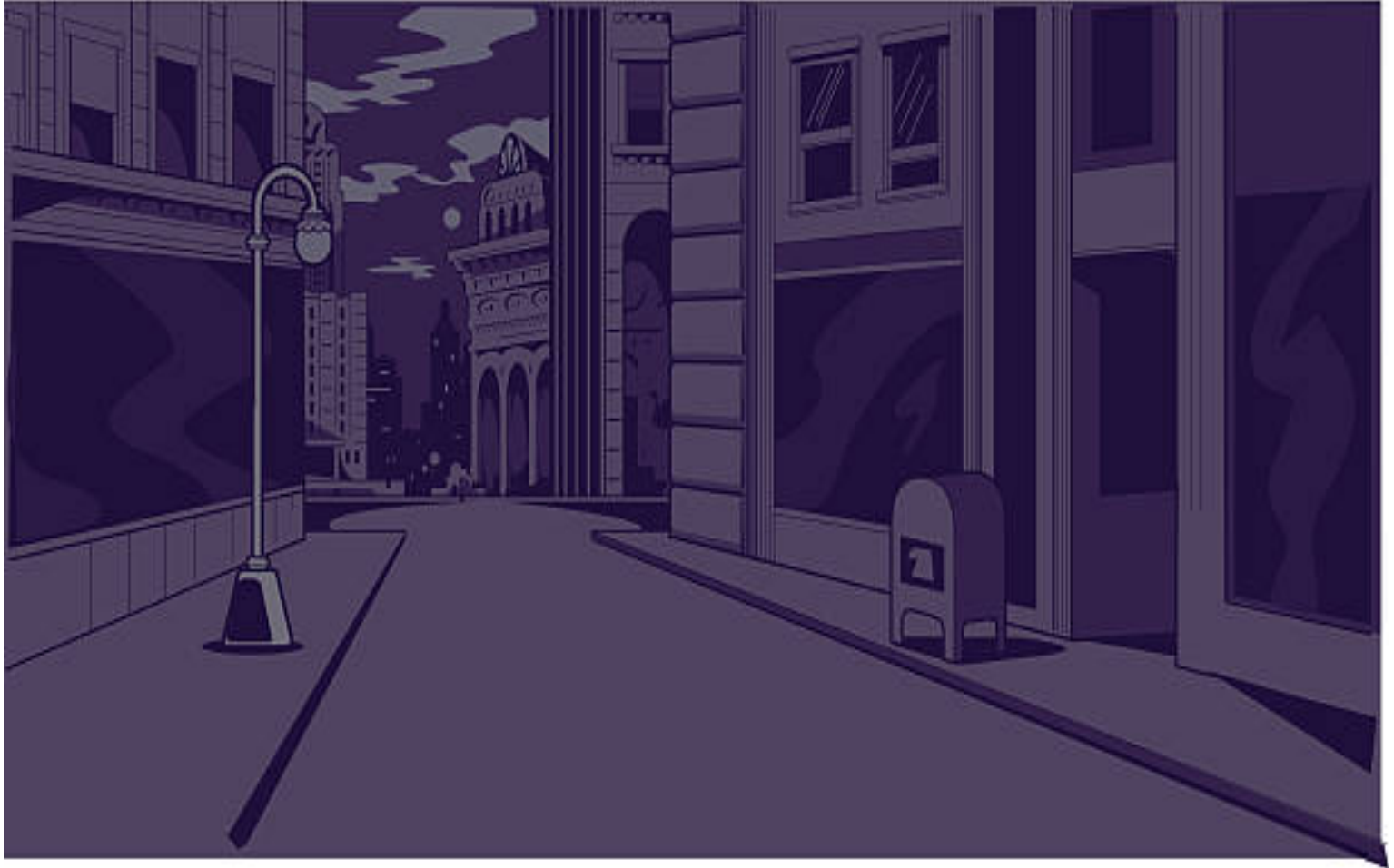


*steal*



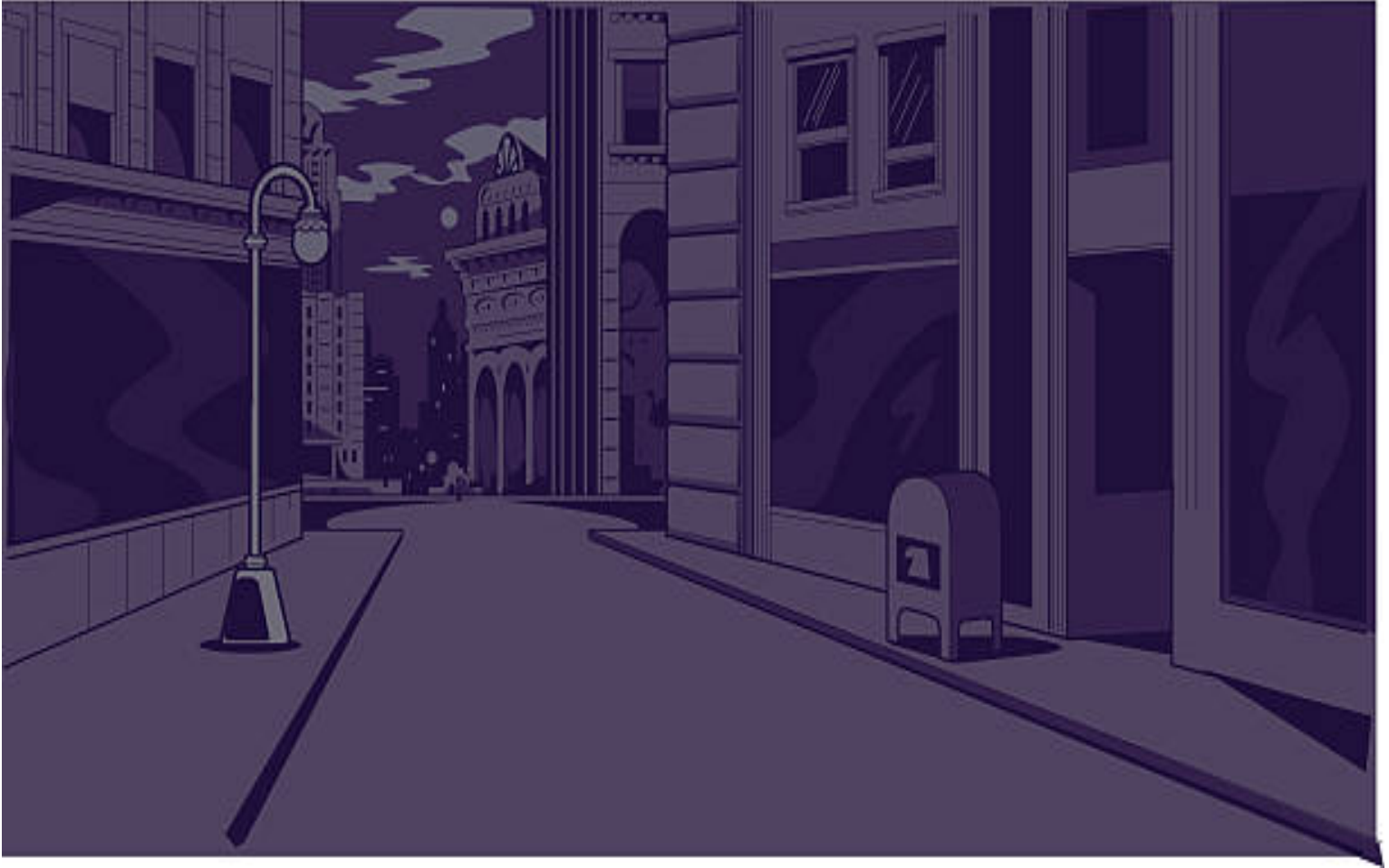
**Wait!**  
**Don't *steal* that house.**

*robbed*      *stolen*



**Late Friday night is  
when people usually  
get \_\_\_\_\_.**

*robbed*



**Late Friday night is  
when people usually  
get *robbed*.**

*robbed stolen*



**A gas station was  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.**



# robbed



A gas station was  
**robbed** yesterday.

*rob steal*



**Get ready,  
the acrobats are going  
to steal the show!**

*steal*



**Get ready,  
the acrobats are going  
to *steal* the show!**



*rob steal*



**We knew he was  
going to \_\_\_\_\_ a base.**

*steal*



**We knew he was  
going to *steal* a base.**

rob steal



He is always trying to  
steal *my thunder* (take credit  
or attention away from another).

*steal*



**He is always trying to**  
***steal my thunder*** (take credit  
or attention away from another).





The following was taken from (not stolen)  
*Talkin' Town English.*

A **robber** robs banks.

A **burglar** enters and robs homes and jewelry stores.

A **kidnapper** steals children.

A **pickpocket** steals from people in busy, public places.

A **pirate** steals technology like software, movies or music files.

A **hacker** steals digital information, like emails or passwords.

A **hijacker** steals control of airplanes or other forms of transportation.

A **shoplifter** steals things from stores like clothing, cosmetics, or food.