

Is it a Crime?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Create a definition for what you think crime is:

After creating your definition of crime, read the following scenarios. In the space provided under each scenario, explain why or why not you think that actions of the person in each scenario should be or not be treated as a crime. Then, under the first column, "Individual Ranking," rank the scenarios in order from 1 to 15, with 1 being the most objectionable scenario and 15 the least objectionable scenario.

SCENARIOS	INDIVIDUAL RANKING	GROUP RANKING	CLASS RANKING
Harold, age 17, robs a liquor store at gunpoint. <hr/> <hr/>			
Laurel leaves a store with change for a \$10 bill after she realizes she gave the cashier a \$5 bill. <hr/> <hr/>			
Rita approaches a man for purposes of prostitution. <hr/> <hr/>			
Ken pays a prostitute after receiving her services. <hr/> <hr/>			
Dan parks in a handicap zone and he is not handicapped nor is any of his passengers. <hr/> <hr/>			
Mike is a narcotic addict who pushes heroin to anyone who will buy. <hr/> <hr/>			

Tom and Jerry are two homosexuals who live together as though they were married. <hr/> <hr/>			
Sylvia pickpockets an individual's wallet containing \$150. <hr/> <hr/>			
Ed refuses to pay income tax because he does not support government policies. <hr/> <hr/>			
Patty is caught with two ounces of marijuana. <hr/> <hr/>			
Dorothy is caught with two kilos of marijuana. <hr/> <hr/>			
Rob refuses to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle. <hr/> <hr/>			
A company pollutes a river with waste from its factory. <hr/> <hr/>			
Lafe gets drunk and hits a child while speeding through a school zone. <hr/> <hr/>			
Vince observes his best friend shoplifting but does not turn him in. <hr/> <hr/>			