



# London Thieves Steal Phone: Shocking Incident Sparks Outrage

## Description

Akara Etteh

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Akara Etteh had his phone stolen as he walked out of a Tube station.

It was a normal Saturday morning in April when Akara Etteh was leaving Holborn tube station in London. Someone on an electric bike snatched his phone in a split second - despite Akara's attempt to chase after them, he couldn't catch them. This kind of theft, known as a "snatch theft," has been on the rise in England and Wales, with an estimated 78,000 incidents in the past year.

Tracking his stolen iPhone 13, Akara saw it move across London through the Find My iPhone feature. Despite his efforts to locate it, the phone eventually ended up in Shenzhen, China, leaving Akara frustrated and unable to retrieve it.

When Akara reported the theft to the police, the response he received was disheartening, as they closed the case due to the difficulty in identifying the culprits. Similarly, other victims like James and Katie shared their stories of significant losses and sentimental value attached to their stolen devices.

## Police Face Challenges

Map showing phone's location

PC Mat Evans explained the challenges police face in recovering stolen phones.

Stolen phones are often difficult to recover due to quick turnover by criminals. PC Evans emphasized the importance of reporting such crimes to enable police investigations. Working together with tech companies, police aim to combat rising phone thefts and illicit trade by introducing more effective tracking and disabling mechanisms.

While there's no instant solution to this issue, improved cooperation and technology can aid in reducing phone theft incidents and protecting individuals from financial and emotional losses.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Theft** /θɛft/ (noun): The action of stealing; the unlawful taking of someone else's property.
2. **Frustrated** /frʌs'treɪtɪd/ (adjective): Feeling or expressing distress and annoyance especially because of inability to change or achieve something.
3. **Response** /rɪ'spɒns/ (noun): A reaction to something that has happened or been said.
4. **Investigations** /ɪnˌvɛstɪˈɡeɪʃənz/ (noun): Systematic inquiries or examinations to uncover facts about a particular situation event or crime.



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5. **Cooperation** /koʊ'ɒpə'reɪʃən/ (noun): The process of working together to the same end; collaboration.
6. **Mechanisms** /'mekə,nɪzəmz/ (noun): The means by which something is achieved or performed; a system or process.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What kind of theft did Akara Etteh experience?

- Option: Pickpocketing
- Option: Snatch theft
- Option: Identity theft
- Option: Burglary

2. Where did Akara attempt to chase the thief who took his phone?

- Option: Holborn tube station
- Option: London Bridge
- Option: Shenzhen, China
- Option: None of the above

3. What technology did Akara use to track his stolen iPhone 13?

- Option: GPS tracker
- Option: Find My iPhone feature
- Option: Bluetooth
- Option: RFID tag

4. How many incidents of snatch theft were estimated in England and Wales in the past year?

- Option: 12,000
- Option: 34,000
- Option: 78,000
- Option: 150,000

5. What was the outcome when Akara saw his stolen phone move to Shenzhen, China?

- Option: He retrieved it successfully
- Option: The police recovered it
- Option: He lost it permanently
- Option: The thief returned it



6. What did PC Mat Evans emphasize regarding stolen phones?

- Option: Their resale value
- Option: Their sentimental value
- Option: Reporting such crimes
- Option: Physical security measures

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Snatch theft 2. Holborn tube station 3. Find My iPhone feature 4. 78,000 5. He lost it permanently 6. Reporting such crimes

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What term describes the variety and differences among people in a community?

- Option: A) Unity
- Option: B) Harmony
- Option: C) Diversity
- Option: D) Uniformity

2. Which term refers to the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes?

- Option: A) Innovation
- Option: B) Tradition
- Option: C) Technology
- Option: D) Preservation

3. What is the term for providing assistance or encouragement to someone or something?

- Option: A) Opposition
- Option: B) Isolation
- Option: C) Support
- Option: D) Neglect

4. Who is a person not serving in the military or police force?

- Option: A) Officer
- Option: B) Civilian
- Option: C) Enlistee
- Option: D) Mercenary

5. Which term means to make something less severe serious or painful?



- Option: A) Escalate
- Option: B) Worsen
- Option: C) Mitigate
- Option: D) Intensify

6. What are inconsistencies or deviations from the norm or common rules called?

- Option: A) Patterns
- Option: B) Conformities
- Option: C) Regularities
- Option: D) Anomalies

7. What term describes the process of returning to a normal state after a period of difficulty?

- Option: A) Decline
- Option: B) Progress
- Option: C) Recovery
- Option: D) Deterioration

8. Which term describes feeling disappointed upset or discouraged because of the inability to achieve a goal?

- Option: A) Satisfied
- Option: B) Elated
- Option: C) Content
- Option: D) Frustrated

9. What term refers to the action or power of focusing one's attention or mental effort?

- Option: A) Scatter
- Option: B) Divergence
- Option: C) Absorption
- Option: D) Concentration

10. What is the invasion and multiplication of microorganisms in body tissues called?

- Option: A) Immunization
- Option: B) Infection
- Option: C) Vaccination
- Option: D) Sterilization

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ the environment for future generations are crucial.

12. During the emergency all residents were asked to \_\_\_\_\_ the area immediately.



13. The solar eclipse was a natural \_\_\_\_\_ that amazed the onlookers.
14. Fever and cough are common \_\_\_\_\_ of the flu.
15. The police are investigating the \_\_\_\_\_ of valuable artwork from the museum.
16. Overcoming obstacles can be a daunting \_\_\_\_\_ but also an opportunity for growth.
17. The hospital used a \_\_\_\_\_ solution for cleaning wounds.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of population shift from rural to urban areas.
19. Understanding the biological \_\_\_\_\_ behind diseases is crucial for effective treatment.
20. Plants get water and nutrients through the process of \_\_\_\_\_ from the soil.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The organization provided assistance and guidance to the struggling families in the community.
22. She took the _____ to organize a charity event to help raise funds for the homeless shelter.
23. The scientific team embarked on an extensive _____ of the uncharted territory in search of new species.
24. Winning the championship was a remarkable _____ for the young athlete.
25. The quick and efficient emergency _____ saved many lives during the natural disaster.
26. The successful project was the result of excellent teamwork and _____ among all members.
27. The company conducted a thorough audit to analyze its budget and expenditures.
28. The historical event had great _____ in shaping the future of the nation.
29. The young artist's _____ of different art styles greatly influenced her unique creations.
30. Due to the approaching hurricane the authorities ordered the residents to the coastal region.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C) Diversity 2. C) Technology 3. C) Support 4. B) Civilian 5. C) Mitigate 6. D) Anomalies 7. C) Recovery



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8. D) Frustrated 9. D) Concentration 10. B) Infection

**Gap-Fill:** 11. sustain 12. evacuate 13. phenomenon 14. symptoms 15. theft 16. challenge 17. saline  
18. Urbanization 19. mechanisms 20. absorption

**Matching sentence:** 1. Support 2. Initiative 3. Exploration 4. Achievement 5. Response 6. Cooperation  
7. Financial 8. Significance 9. Exploration 10. Evacuate

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