

Listening: Advice from the Eugene Police Department

Activity 1: Fill in the blank as you listen. Then, compare your answers with a partner.

Welcome to the Eugene Police Department Online Primer on Burglary Prevention. Burglaries in Eugene occur at all hours of the day and night. Most occur when families are gone, but occasionally they happen when people are home, sometimes asleep and unaware. Home invasions, where violent offenders force their way into occupied homes are very rare in this area, but even these have occurred. A typical burglar _____ look for clues that a home is unoccupied. He _____ see you leave for work, or he _____ see papers piling up on the porch. He _____ probably first knock on your door to see if anyone is home. If you answer, he _____ offer a thin excuse for his presence, such as looking for a long lost friend. If the visitor seems suspicious, please call us right away at 541-682-5111. If you don't answer the door, burglars _____ assume the house is empty, and will look for the easiest way to gain entry. They commonly circle the house, looking for weak points. If they find an open door or window, ten out of ten are going to go in. Of course many of them _____ try harder than that, prying or kicking doors, or breaking glass, but not all _____ do so. So, what you want to do is improve your odds; that's what it's all about.

Activity 2: Now, fill in the blanks with other possible modal verbs.

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Here is the transcript. Compare your answers in Activity 1 to the transcript below.

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