What is the punishment?

Read through the crimes and choose which punishment should be matched with each. The box lists the maximum penalty for each crime; choose wisely! In all examples, people are aged 18 or over.

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| **Crime** | **Punishment** |
| A man murders somebody after stealing his wallet. |  |
| A man hides a knife in his coat, and when stopped in the street he has no lawful reason for carrying it. |  |
| A man drives recklessly and at 60mph in a village and knocks down and kills a child. |  |
| Someone has in his possession a gun, which he intends to use to scare and threaten someone. |  |
| A man takes part in a riot, smashing windows and stealing. |  |
| A man carries an imitation gun in the street. |  |

Pick the punishments from the box below. All punishments show the maximum penalty.

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| Life imprisonment | 7 years | 2 years |
| 10 years | 14 years | 10 years |

**Further discussion**

Do any of the punishments surprise you? Do you think any of them should have longer or shorter sentences?

**Further work**

Find some examples of recent cases of crime and punishment in the newspaper.