

Al Capone was born in Italy and migrated with his family to America. He began his career as a criminal when he was a boy and joined the New York street gang “Brooklyn Rippers”. Wounds after a barfight gave him the nickname “Scarface”.



In 1920 the production and sale of alcoholic drinks were banned in America. This “Prohibition” lasted for 13 years. Many gangsters made fortunes selling alcoholic drinks



illegally. Capone operated in Chicago. He became rich and powerful through crime. He was very brutal. He and his friends murdered seven members of a rival gang in the St Valentine’s Day massacre. Al Capone was not arrested because he bribed the policemen.

In 1932, Al Capone went to prison – for not paying income taxes! After a few years he came out. He was a sick man. He died at the age of 48.

migrate: go to live abroad
join: become a member
rip: cut
nickname: false name
scar: healed wound
ban: prohibit
prohibiton: interdiction

last: go on
fortune: wealth
member: part of
bribe: giving money to influence a person's behavior
income tax: money for the government
Saint Valentine’s Day: 14th February

Delete the odd one out in each line:

murderer	burglar	robber	saint	thief
whisky	brandy	milk	liquor	vodka
Italy	Spain	Greece	Turkey	Illinois
Brooklyn	Manhattan	Chicago	Queens	The Bronx
allowed	banned	prohibited	forbidden	illegal
operate	work	do	act	rest
fight	murder	kill	shoot	assassinate
bar	pub	inn	nursery	tavern
gang	flock	crowd	band	glass
pistol	knife	poison	cigar	shotgun
rival	enemy	sweetheart	adversary	attacker
massacre	killing	mass murder	siesta	bloodbath
prison	inn	jail	penitentiary	cell
emigrate	travel	go abroad	remain	depart
career	way	age	living	progress
tax	toll	career	tariff	duty
gang	rival	team	crew	group
illegal	forbidden	popular	banned	prohibited