

EFL ENGLISH DAILY



[Key words](#)



[88-90 Hatton Garden](#)

1, burglary

2, criminals

3, targetted

4, somehow

5, loot

6, downfall

7, flag up

8, surveillance

9, covert

10, be arrested

I watched a recent movie about a high value burglary of jewellery and gold from Hatton Garden, the district of London where many such businesses are located.

In 2015, a gang of experienced criminals targetted the safety deposit vault at 88-90 Hatton Garden during the Easter holiday.



The gang had somehow gained access to the building, which was closed for a 4-day period, and set about drilling a hole in a wall of the vault so slimmer members of the gang could squeeze through and loot the many safety deposit boxes.

Their downfall was returning to the scene a second time.

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Comprehension

1, Where was the scene of the crime?

2, Who carried out the heist?

3, How did they access the vault?

4, What big mistake did they make?

5, How did the police catch the gang?

6, When did the police strike?

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CCTV recorded one member of the gang driving his own vehicle, a Mercedes-Benz with a distinctive black roof and wheels. Relatively few examples of that model existed so a record search soon flagged up one owner who was a convicted criminal with a long history of offences. This was the start of a long police surveillance programme which linked other known offenders through observation of meetings and covert listening to their conversations.

The gang were arrested when most members were caught together in possession of the stolen goods.



Conversation

1, Have you ever experienced a crime?

2, Do you worry about crime?

3, Do you live in a safe area?

4, What do you do for personal safety?

5, Do you know anyone in the police?

6, Would you like to be a police officer?

