Nowadays the crime rate is increasing, especially among teenagers. What are the reasons behind it? How can we reverse this trend? What punishment methods should be used, in your opinion?

Today~~s~~, many societies are confronting ~~with~~ a drastic rise in the level of crime among **the** youth. <u>Many communities are being brought in</u> to help combat this crime wave. I strongly believe that some grounds such as dysfunctional family structure and economic ~~crisis~~ crises lie at the heart of this problem.

To begin with, there is no doubt that one of the main reason**s** of this worrying concern is financial crisis which gives rise to poverty. That is to say, some destitute individuals cannot afford to educate their children ~~in~~ at school because **the** youth have to work hard in some unsafe conditions to offer assistance to their family for making their ends meet. Therefore, the more **the** youth spend their decent time on their studies, the less they turn to petty crimes such as pickpocket**ting** or shoplifting. Moreover, parents' hectic life contributes to work round the clock which **causes them to** fail to look after their children. Not only **does** lack of great supervision leads to some mental problems for children, but also children have to spend most of their time**s** on the internet in order to play games or watch ~~violence~~ violent video**s** which may ~~has~~ have a~~n~~ devastating impact on children's behavior since they try to imitate the main character of these films or games.

Nevertheless, the increased rate of crime is mirrored elsewhere in society so some measures should be taken into account to crackdown on crime. Firstly, youth awareness programs can highlight the importance of education for children ~~that~~ which has~~have~~ a pivotal effect on the development of a conscience which help**s** them learn the distinction between right and wrong. Another measure to tackle this issue is that parents should provide a healthy atmosphere to pay more attention to their children while nurturing them. Last

but not least, families should monitor their children's activity on the internet or electronic media.

To conclude, my firm conviction is that parents and ~~the~~ **the** government should put in place some measures by establish**ing** some punishments which fit the crime such as obligatory community services as well as fining them. Such ~~sanctions~~ **penalties** should be appropriate for law breakers who do not reach the age of reason because ~~carpal~~ **corporal** punishments or imprisonment might spoil their character as well as ~~reduce~~ **reducing** their self-esteem.