personal english

Burglary

Shoptlifting

Robbery

Heist

Pickpocketing

Purse-Snatching

Con (Swindle)

Theft is an umbrella term covering any kind of **unlawful taking of someone else's property. Burglary** entails breaking into a place, **robbery** is a violent crime whereas a **heist** is based on strategy. **Pickpocketing**, **shoplifting** and **purse-snatching** are petty crimes, whereas a **con** (or **swindle**) rests entirely on guile.