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Hi everybody! Tom here from BBC Learning English. Today I'm going to explain the difference between to **steal** to **rob**.

Both to **steal** and to **rob** mean 'to take something without permission'.

To **steal** focuses on the object or the thing which is taken. For example: Hey! **Somebody just stole my phone.**

**Rob** focuses on the victim of the crime. For example: **The men robbed a bank last night.**

I wouldn't say: Someone robbed my phone. I would say: **They robbed me and stole my phone.**