

## What's the Verdict?

verdict = decision, judgement

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What was the defendant's crime? \_\_\_\_\_

How old was he when he did this? \_\_\_\_\_ How old is he now? \_\_\_\_\_

What 2 excuses does the defense attorney give for the defendant's crimes?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

What punishment does the defendant get for his crime? \_\_\_\_\_

Why does the judge give him such a hard punishment? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The defense attorney says the punishment is too hard because the defendant killed the boy "unintentionally." That means the boy didn't plan to kill anyone. He killed the boy accidentally. That is true; he didn't come to his girlfriend's house that night to kill the baby. BUT does it matter whether he planned to kill the baby or if he got angry and killed him accidentally? \_\_\_\_\_ Write 3 sentences to support your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you agree or disagree with the judge's sentence (punishment)? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

If you were the judge, what sentence would you give? Why? \_\_\_\_\_



"I was only playing."

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reckless = not thinking or caring about what might happen



What is the defendant's crime? \_\_\_\_\_

How old is the defendant? \_\_\_\_\_ How old is the victim? 16 Did the defendant push the victim accidentally or intentionally? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the defendant cause any harm (hurt)? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Did the defendant cause harm accidentally or intentionally? \_\_\_\_\_ Did the defendant feel sorry for what she did? \_\_\_\_\_

The judge's punishment had 2 parts: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ In your opinion, was this fair? \_\_\_\_\_ Tell 2 reasons for your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Do these pictures show reckless behavior?



yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_



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