

Law and order: In court

Fill in the missing words in the passage below. Choose from the following and note that two of the words are used twice.

<i>accused</i>	<i>acquitted</i>	<i>barristers</i>	<i>Crown Court</i>
<i>defence</i>	<i>dock</i>	<i>evidence</i>	<i>fine</i>
<i>guilty</i>	<i>imprisonment</i>	<i>judge</i>	<i>Jury</i>
<i>Justice of the Peace</i>	<i>Magistrates Court</i>	<i>oath</i>	
<i>prosecution</i>	<i>put on probation</i>	<i>sentence</i>	<i>testimony</i>
<i>trial</i>	<i>verdict</i>	<i>witness box</i>	<i>witnesses</i>

There are two main courts of law in Britain - the (1) _____ for minor offences, such as speeding, shoplifting, etc. and the (2) _____ for more serious offences such as fraud and murder. The magistrate or (3) _____ who tries cases in the lower court does not have special education or training in law and does not get a salary. (The job is voluntary and part-time.)

At a (4) _____ at a Crown Court, the (5) _____ or defendant stands in the (6) _____ while lawyers question (7) _____ who have to say what they have seen or know and who stand in the (8) _____. They have to swear an (9) _____ to 'tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' What they say is known as their (10) _____.

There are usually two lawyers or (11) _____ in the courtroom. One is known as Counsel for the (12) _____ who speaks for the defendant, and the other as Counsel for the (13) _____. This person has to try to prove that the person accused of the crime really committed it.

The (14) _____ sits in a large seat facing the defendant and wears a special gown and wig. He or she does not decide whether the accused person is guilty or not. This is left to the (15) _____, made up of 12 members of the public to decide. During the trial they sit in silence, listening carefully to all the (16) _____. Then, they are locked away until they can decide whether the person is (17) _____ or not (18) _____. This decision is called the (19) _____.

The (20) _____ now decides the punishment or (21) _____ as it is called. If the person is innocent, he or she is (22) _____, which means that he or she is released immediately and is free to go home. If the person is guilty and the crime is serious, he or she could be given several years (23) _____. However, if it is a first offence, the person might be given a (24) _____ instead, for example £1,000, or (25) _____.

Verbs to do with crime 1

Match the verbs on the left 1-16 with a suitable phrase a-p. Write your answers in the boxes on the next page.

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| 1 accuse someone | 2 arrest someone | 3 ban | 4 break |
| 5 charge someone | 6 commit | 7 cross-examine | 8 hijack |
| 9 hold up | 10 murder someone | 11 pinch | 12 serve |
| 13 sound | 14 take someone | 15 try | 16 vandalize |

- a.*** in cold blood
- b.*** into custody
- c.*** a witness
- d.*** telephone boxes
- e.*** for armed robbery
- f.*** a prison sentence
- g.*** a case
- h.*** with murder
- i.*** smoking in public places
- j.*** of shoplifting
- k.*** the alarm
- l.*** a crime
- m.*** some money
- n.*** a plane
- o.*** the law
- p.*** a bank

Verbs to do with crime 2

Fill in the missing verbs in the sentences below. Choose from the following and make any changes where necessary. Use each verb once only.

<i>acquit</i>	<i>deport</i>	<i>mug</i>	<i>shoplift</i>
<i>assault</i>	<i>double-cross</i>	<i>pilfer</i>	<i>smuggle</i>
<i>blackmail</i>	<i>embezzle</i>	<i>prosecute</i>	<i>sue</i>
<i>burgled</i>	<i>imprison</i>	<i>prove</i>	<i>swindle</i>
<i>convict</i>	<i>interrogate</i>	<i>reprieve</i>	<i>threaten</i>
<i>defraud</i>	<i>kidnap</i>	<i>rob</i>	<i>trespass</i>

1 An armed gang _____ the Kingsway Road branch of Barclays bank yesterday afternoon and got away with nearly \$90,000.

2. The salesman was very persuasive and managed to _____ the elderly couple out of their life savings.

3 Tourists have been advised to avoid going off into the mountains as six people have been _____ in the past month. As yet, no-one has been freed.

4 The man was _____ from Britain to Germany where he will face charges of terrorism and murder.

5 The youths were fined \$300 for _____ on Government property and deliberately causing damage to expensive machinery.

6 She had pleaded not guilty throughout the trial, so it was a relief when the jury finally _____ her.

7 The judge _____ him for ten years for fraud.

8 The prisoner was _____ just hours before he was due to be executed.

9 The robbers _____ to shoot anyone who tried to sound the alarm.

10 The politician was being _____ by a man who claimed he had photographs of him accepting bribes.

- 11 Blake _____ the others in the gang and escaped to South America with most of the money from the robbery.
- 12 The cleaner was caught _____ towels and glasses from the hotel.
- 13 He threatened to _____ her for every penny she had if she tried to break her contract.
- 14 It would be easy to _____ my father's house as he always leaves his bedroom window open during the day.
- 15 As the man left the shop, the store detective stopped him and accused him of _____. He had been caught on camera stuffing three ties into his briefcase.
- 16 He was so disappointed that his team were losing that he ran onto the pitch and - _____ the opposing team's goal- keeper, hitting him several times in the face.
- 17 He made large sums of money _____ refugees into Britain, Holland and Germany.
- 18 The post office clerk _____ nearly 1:5,000 over a period of two years.
- 19 She was walking through the park in broad daylight when a man _____ her, stealing her handbag containing nearly \$200.
- 20 Although the police knew he was guilty, they were unable to _____ it - they just didn't have sufficient evidence.
- 21 She was _____ of manslaughter and sent to prison for five years.
- 22 The detectives _____ the suspect for nearly ten hours before finally letting him go.
- 23 The two directors _____ the company of nearly \$2 million.
- 24 There was a large sign on the outside of the building which said: "Trespassers will be _____."