



FUMC ESL 4-30-2018 Intermediate Lesson-OPD page 141: The Legal System

Talk about the pictures and vocabulary on page 141.

Mark these words to show the stressed syllable. Practice pronouncing them.

lawyer	police	defense	attorney	handcuffs	witness
justice	convict	evidence	courtroom	jury	criminal
prisoner	arrest	convict	sentence	prosecutor	verdict

Verbs: Put one of the verbs below, in the sentences.

arrest hire appear convict sentence witness

1. _____ means to be visible in that place. Example: The men _____ in court dressed in nice clothes.
2. _____ means to pay money for someone's services. Example: I _____ a boy to wash my car.
3. _____ means take a person to a police station to decide if the person should be charged. Example: The officer _____ the teenagers because they were breaking windows.
4. _____ means being found guilty in a court of law. Example: The jury _____ the woman of kidnapping.
5. Your _____ is the punishment for a crime you are guilty of. Example: The judge _____ the boys to six months in jail.
6. _____ means to see something happen. Example: I _____ the man hitting the child.

Read these conversations and answer the questions.

In this conversation, notice the difference in pronunciation in the word "suspect".

Jan: The police officer arrested the boy in the green shirt. The policeman said he was a suspect in a robbery.

Charlie: So they suspect he robbed someone?

Jan: Yes, they suspect he robbed the old woman.

Charlie: Did they put handcuffs on him?

Jan: Yes. They handcuffed him and took him to jail.

1. Who was arrested?
2. What was he accused of?
3. Where did the police take him?

Karen: Let's go into this courtroom. There is a trial about to start.

Molly: Who is that man in the gray suit?

Karen: That man is the defendant. He is on trial for robbery. The woman next to him wearing the blue jacket is his defense attorney. The prosecuting attorney is at the other table.

Molly: What is a prosecuting attorney?

Karen: That is the attorney who will try to prove he robbed the store. The defense attorney will try to prove his client did not rob the store.

1. Where did Karen and Molly go?
2. Which man was the defendant?
3. Which person was the defense attorney?
4. What will the prosecuting attorney do?

Liza: The courtroom is very quiet.

Sara: Everyone is waiting for the judge to come in. When he comes in, we have to stand up.

Liza: Who are those people sitting in the special chairs?

Sara: That is the jury. They will decide if the defendant committed the crime. They will say he is guilty or not guilty. The jury's decision is called the verdict.

Liza: How will they know if he is guilty?

Sara: The prosecuting attorney will show evidence that he robbed the store.

Liza: What will happen to him if the jury says he is guilty?

Sara: He will be convicted of robbery. The judge will sentence him to prison. He will go to prison for many years.

1. What are the people in the courtroom waiting for?
2. What will they do when the judge comes in?
3. What is the job of the jury?
4. What is the verdict?
5. What are the two choices the jury has?
6. What will the defendant be convicted of?

Match the vocabulary words to their definitions:

defendant	people who make sure everyone obeys the law
judge	metal rings locked around a prisoner's wrist
police	to see something happen
jury	an illegal action
suspect	the lawyer who talks for the person accused of the crime
defense attorney	a lawyer who tries to prove someone is guilty
evidence	the person at the trial who is accused of a crime
handcuffs	anything that makes you believe something is true
prosecuting attorney	a person who may be guilty of a crime
witness	the person who is in charge of the trial and decides the sentence
crime	a person who commits a crime
criminal	the group of people who decide if someone is guilty