

Discuss the vocabulary on page 140-141 of the OPD. Read the conversations and answer the questions.

Mary: Did you vote for President Obama?

Clark: I like President Obama. I wanted to vote for him. But I am not a citizen. I cannot vote. I will be a citizen soon. Maybe I can vote in this election.

1. Did Clark vote for President Obama?
2. Will Clark vote in the next election?

Jane: I filled out my tax forms. I owe money this year. I wrote a check for \$1,000.000.

Jess: I did not owe money this year. My employer deducted money from my salary. I will get a refund this year. I will spend it on a new bicycle.

1. Who owes \$1,000.00?
2. Who will get a refund?

Jan: My son turns 18 tomorrow. He has become a man.

Linda: Remind him to register with Selective Service.

1. What must Jan remind her son about?

Jo: I was chosen to serve on a jury.

Kim: When is the trial?

Jo: It starts next week.

Kim: What kind of case is it?

Jo: I am sorry, but I am not allowed to talk about the case.

1. What was Jo chosen to do?
2. When does the trial start?
3. Did Jo tell Kim about her case?

Carla: I plan to become a U.S. citizen. Do you know what I must do?

Albert: Yes. You must be over 18. You must live in the U.S. for five years. You must take a citizenship test. If you pass, you will be sworn in as an American citizen. Then you can apply for an American passport.

1. How old must Carla be to become a citizen?
2. Will Carla have to pass a test?
3. When can Carla apply for a passport?

Sara: I marched in a protest. We were protesting high taxes.

Linda: Was it a peaceful protest?

Sara: Yes. We carried signs. We chanted slogans like "No New Taxes". A woman gave a speech. She criticized the president and Congress.

Linda: Was she arrested?

Sara: No. You can criticize the government. That is called "free speech". You only get arrested if you break the law. It is not against the law to criticize the government. It is against the law to say you will kill the president. But she did not say that. She said we should elect a new president.

1. Who marched in a protest?
2. What was she protesting about?

3. Did they listen to a speech?
4. Did they chant slogans?
5. Did anyone get arrested?
6. Is it against the law to criticize the government?
7. Is it against the law to threaten to kill the president?

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

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 in 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 that 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 they 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?

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.

Liza: I feel sorry for him. When will he get out of prison?

Sara: When he has served his term.

Liza: I would not want to be a prisoner. I don't think I will commit any crimes.

Sara: Good idea.

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?
7. Who feels sorry for the defendant?