



I. Discuss this diagram:

II. Match the vocabulary words to the 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

II. Types of crime

**A. Theft** is taking something without permission. If you are guilty of theft, you are a **thief**. There are several types of theft:

**Burglary** is entering a place you do not have permission to be in order to steal something.

**Robbery** is stealing something by force.

If someone breaks into your house while you are away and steals your TV, that is **burglary**. If they hold a gun to your head and demand your wallet, that is **robbery**.

**Shoplifting** is another type of theft. It means stealing goods from a retail store.

**Fraud** is deceiving someone in order to get their money. If you tell someone you are collecting for a charity, but you keep the donated money yourself, you are guilty of fraud.

### **B. Violent Crimes**

**Homicide** is the killing of a person. **Murder** is the killing of a person on purpose. If you kill someone, you might be charged with **first degree murder**, **second degree murder** or **manslaughter**. These are all degrees of homicide. You have killed someone, and the prosecutor will decide the **charge** based on the circumstances of your action.

If you attack someone and hurt them, but don't kill them, you have committed **assault**. If you commit assault on your husband or wife, that is **domestic violence**.

### **C. Other Crimes**

If you have drugs with you, you could be charged with **possession of narcotics**. If you bring something into the country without paying customs charges, you are **smuggling**. A person who smuggles is a **smuggler**. If you set fire to a building, you have committed **arson**. If you commit arson, you are an arsonist.

## **IV. Paragraphs**

Assign each student a paragraph to read silently. Then ask them to turn over their paper and tell in their own words what the paragraph was about. Tell what crime you think the person is guilty of. Then have the student read the paragraph to the group.

1. Bob and Jill were married. Bob had a hot temper. When he drank alcohol he would get very angry at Jill. One night he came home from a bar. He was drunk. He started a fight with Jill. He grabbed her by the arm and pushed her into the wall. He slapped her. Jill ran to a neighbor's house. The neighbor called the police. Bob was arrested.
2. Joe traveled back and forth from Mexico for his work. One day a friend asked him to carry some things back to the U.S. with him. Joe agreed. The friend brought Joe a backpack to carry with him. Joe did not look in the backpack. When Joe crossed the border, the police searched the backpack. There was marijuana in the backpack. Joe was arrested.
3. Marie went shopping with her kids. The kids needed new shoes. The shoes the kids wanted were too expensive. Marie couldn't pay for those shoes. The kids begged her to buy the shoes. But Marie didn't have the money. Marie told the kids to take off their old shoes and put on the new ones. Then she told them to walk out to the car very quickly. The security guard caught the kids and arrested Marie.
4. James woke up one night when he heard a noise. It sounded like someone had opened his back door. He was afraid to go downstairs. He called the police. When the police arrived, they discovered someone had broken the lock on James' door. James came downstairs. His TV and DVD were missing. The police saw a man driving away from James house fast, but they could not catch him.
5. Jan got an email that said she had won some money. All she had to do to collect the money was send \$10.00 for postage to an address in the email. Jan was very excited. She sent the \$10.00, but she never received the money she had been promised. She told the police. The police told her they could not help her. She needed to be smarter about sending money to strangers.
6. Cal was shooting at a target in his backyard. He was a good shot and thought it was safe. But, one time he missed the target. The bullet went through his fence and into his neighbor's yard. It hit one of the children playing there. The child was rushed to the hospital, but he did not survive. Joe felt really bad. The neighbor was really angry and wanted Cal arrested.