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Lesson : Law and Order Domain

VOCABULARY

1. Crime – (noun) serious offence against the law; serious law breaking
2. Victim – (noun) a person who has been hurt or suffered from a crime, accident, war, etc.
3. Witness – (noun) a person who has seen an event and is able to describe it
4. Jury – (noun) a group of people chosen to make a decision in a court of law
5. Fine – (noun) money paid as a punishment for breaking the law
6. Traffic violation – (noun) breaking a law related to driving
7. Capital punishment – (noun) death penalty; punishment of death
8. Criminal – (noun) person who commits a crime or breaks a serious law
9. Sentence – (noun) punishment given to a criminal by a judge. (verb) to say what the punishment is
10. Deter – (verb) try to prevent something from happening
11. Rehabilitate – (verb) bring back to good condition or better situation
12. Charge (with a crime) – (verb) officially state that a person has broken the law
13. Bail – (noun) money that is demanded by the court, paid by a person who has been charged with a crime, as a security that the person will return for his/her trial
14. Civil law – (noun) law dealing with the private rights of citizens, not with crime
15. Sue – (verb) make a legal claim against; take to court and ask for compensation for damages or suffering
16. Judge – (noun) the person in charge of a court of law
17. Custody – (noun) guarding, imprisonment
18. Take into custody – seize by the police; arrest
19. Try – (verb) examine information in a court of law and make a decision
20. Trial – (noun) whole process of examining information in a court of law and making a decision

PRACTICE

1. FILL IN THE BLANKS

Choose the correct word or expression from the list above to complete the following sentences.

1. Frank has a perfect driving record. He has never had a.....

- 2.You saw the accident, so you may have to go to court as a.....
- 3.The told the jurors to take their time making a decision.
- 4.The robber told his to empty his pockets and give him all his money.
- 5.The thief received a ten year for his crime.
- 6.Mary had to pay a \$100for driving through the red light.
- 7.His was not very serious, so the judge sentenced him to only three weeks in jail.
- 8.If he can't pay the \$50,000, he will have to remain in jail until his trial.
- 9.Many countries have decided to end Instead, they sentence their very dangerous criminals to life in prison.
- 10.It only took the five hours to decide that the man was guilty.
- 11.The police are going tohim with robbery. They found the stolen money in his apartment.

2. Who's Talking?

Directions: Read the following quotations and decide who is speaking. (Choose from the list below.)

witness – jury foreman – highway patrol officer – clerk of the court - defendant – judge – thief - prosecutor

- 1.“This is a stick-up! Empty the cash register and put all the money in this bag.”
- 2.“I plead not guilty?”
- 3.“Call 911! I just saw someone running out of the bank with a gun.”
- 4.“I'm going to prove to you that the defendant is guilty of this crime.”
- 5.“We find the defendant not guilty.”
- 6.“You were driving 30 miles an hour over the speed limit.”
- 7.“Bail is set at \$10,000.”
- 8.“All rise”.

3. Sentence Completion

Directions: Complete the sentences by matching the correct beginnings and endings.

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| 1. The policeman.... | A. testified to what he had seen. |
| 2. The criminal was taken to jail..... | B. transcribed the proceedings. |
| 3. The witness was able to pick the man.... | C. the government's case. |
| 4. Everyone stood when... | D. to all the evidence. |
| 5. The defendant..... | E. sentenced the robber to 5 years. |
| 6. The prosecutor presented the.... | F. handcuffed the robber. |
| 7. The defense attorney... | G. represented the accused. |
| 8. The witness | H. out of the line-up. |
| 9. The jury listened carefully... | I. and fingerprinted. |
| 10. The court reporter.... | J. pleaded not-guilty. |
| 11. The jury foreman | K. the judge entered the room. |
| 12. The judge.... | L. delivered the verdict. |