

admit (v)
 authority (n)
 case (n)
 defence (n)
 deny (v)

guilty (adj)
 innocent (adj)
 investigation (n)
 justice (n)
 offence (n)

prove (v)
 represent (v)
 sentence (n)
 trial (n)
 witness (n)

Trial

Note that the verb **try** has a special meaning related to **trial**:

He was **tried** for murder.

A Match the words from the box to the definitions.

authority case defence deny guilty investigation
 justice offence represent witness

- 1 A person who sees something happen and can tell other people about it later: _____
- 2 To state that something is not true: _____
- 3 An official examination of the facts about a subject, situation, problem, etc.: _____
- 4 A crime; an illegal action: _____
- 5 An argument in support of the accused person in a court of law: _____
- 6 Having broken a law: _____
- 7 The law and the way it is used: _____
- 8 A crime or legal matter: _____
- 9 To act or speak in the place of someone else: _____
- 10 The power and right to give orders and make others obey: _____



B Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The *justice / witness* system of a country is usually made up of different courts of law.
- 2 They were sure he was guilty, but they couldn't *admit / prove* he had committed the crime.
- 3 Police are carrying out an *investigation / offence* into the fire.
- 4 The *case / trial* will go to court in a few months.
- 5 The judge *represented / sentenced* the criminal to ten years in prison.
- 6 They realized the suspect was *guilty / innocent* when the real killer came forward.
- 7 She *admitted / denied* taking the money, but said she was planning on giving it back.
- 8 Young people sometimes rebel against the *authority / defence* of their parents.

C Complete the text. Use one word from the vocabulary list at the top of the page for each space. Use the correct form of the words.

When a person has been charged with a crime, they either ¹_____ that they did it or they ²_____ the charge. Either way, they have the right to a ³_____, which is held in a court where a judge hears the ⁴_____. If the ⁵_____ being considered is serious, there may also be a jury present. The accused person is ⁶_____ by a lawyer or lawyers who work in their ⁷_____. Prosecution lawyers try to ⁸_____ that the accused committed the crime. The court may hear evidence from ⁹_____ who were present at the crime. If the accused is found ¹⁰_____, they receive a ¹¹_____ from the judge. They may be given a fine to pay or they may be sent to prison. If they are found ¹²_____, they are acquitted and allowed to go home.

Find

In the text above, the verb **find** has a special legal meaning:

find someone guilty/not guilty