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In Court



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My father saw someone steal a car. He had to go to court to give evidence because he was a to the crime. spectator watcher viewer witness
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ANSWERS:

- **1.** Which job has a similar meaning to 'lawyer'?
- a) Attorney Although attorney is similar to lawyer, there are other correct options.
- b) Solicitor Although solicitor is similar to lawyer, there are other correct options.
- c) Barrister In the American legal system barrister and lawyer have the same meaning but in Britain only barristers can try cases in the higher courts. However, there are other options here that are correct too.
- d) All of the above This is the correct answer. All of the job titles mean the same as lawyer in English.
- **2.** In some countries' legal systems, courts have a ______ of 12 ordinary people who decide if a crime has been committed or not.
- a) judge There aren't 12 judges in a normal court. Also, judges aren't ordinary people; they have special legal training and experience.
- b) jury This is the correct answer.
- c) justice Justice is a general noun, eg 'The justice system'. The 12 people who make a decision in a court have another name.
- d) judgement team The phrase judgement team doesn't exist in English.
- **3.** The murderer hoped his lawyer would stop him going to prison. However, his fingerprints were on the gun so the lawyer for the other side won. Which side was successful?
- a) The prosecution This is the correct answer. The prosecution are the lawyers that try to prove that someone has committed a crime.
- b) The prosecute Prosecute is a verb. You need a noun to complete the sentence.
- c) The defence The defence is the side which tries to prove that someone hasn't committed a crime.
- d) The defend Defend is not the right word to complete the sentence.

4.	My father saw someone steal a car. He had to go to court to give evidence because he was
	a to the crime.
a)	spectator - A spectator is someone who watches events like football matches or firework
	displays, not crimes.
b)	watcher - We don't use watcher to mean someone who sees a crime happen.
c)	viewer - A viewer is not someone who sees a crime. We usually use viewer for someone
	who watches a TV programme.
d)	witness - This is the correct answer to describe someone who sees a crime happen.
5.	He's committed robbery before so if they find him this time, he'll go to prison
	for years.
a)	criminal – You don't 'find someone criminal' in English.
b)	wrong – Wrong does not collocate with the verb find in a legal context.
c)	innocent – Innocent is the opposite of the adjective you need.
d)	guilty – This is the correct answer. If someone is guilty it means they broke the law
	or did something wrong.
6.	She didn't agree with the court's decision so she is going to The new case will
•	start next month.
a)	appal – Appal means to shock or horrify someone so we can't use it to complete the
,	sentence.
b)	appeal – This is the correct answer. If you don't agree with the court's decision, you
~)	can go to a higher court and appeal the decision to try to get a different result.
c)	apply – You normally use apply with a noun, eg 'He's going to apply for a job'.
	appear – We can't use appear to complete the sentence but you can say 'She is appearing in
,	court next week'.
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