

A courtroom mapped



1. **Courtroom:** The place where a crime is judged.
2. **Trial:** The process of being judged in a court.
3. **Jury:** A group of people who judge a court case.
4. **Jury box:** The place where the members of the jury sit.
5. **Court reporter:** Somebody whose job it is to write notes of what is said at a trial.
6. **Judge:** Somebody who is in charge of the court proceedings and makes key decisions on a case.
7. **Wig:** Artificial hair that a lawyer or judge wears on their heads.
8. **(Judge's) bench:** The place where the judge sits.
9. **Witness:** Somebody who sees a crime or accident happen.
10. **Witness box/stand:** The place where the witness sits.
11. **Evidence:** Something that helps to prove whether somebody has committed a crime.
12. **Defence lawyer:** Somebody who represents a person accused of a crime.
13. **Defendant, accused:** Somebody who has been accused of a crime and is on trial.
14. **Usher:** Somebody whose job it is to allow people to enter or leave a court of law. They can also ensure the legal documents are available/secure.
15. **Gallery:** The seating available to the public.
16. **Press:** Journalists who write about a trial.
17. **Claimant (US plaintiff):** Somebody who makes a formal complaint against somebody in court.
18. **Prosecutor:** A lawyer whose job it is to prove that somebody has committed a crime.
19. **Security officer (US bailiff):** An official who keeps order in court.
20. **Clerk of the court:** An official in charge of the records of a court.

“A jury consists of twelve people chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.” Robert Frost

Types of crime



Arson



Assassination



Blackmail



Bribery



Forgery



Perjury



Piracy



Robbery



Slander



Smuggling



Theft



Treason

Latin legal terms

- 1) **Bona fida:** In good faith 2) **Vice versa:** In the opposite way 3) **Compos mentis:** Sane 4) **Habeas corpus:** A legal remedy against unlawful imprisonment 5) **Ipsa facto:** By the fact, in itself 6) **Prima facie:** As things seem at first.

Criminal slang

- He has been **nicked!** *He has been arrested.*
- She got eight years **inside.** *She has been imprisoned for eight years.*
- The goods are **hot.** *The goods are stolen.*
- The **screws** are very tough. *The prison guards are very tough.*
- They are all **bent.** *They are all corrupt.*
- Did you have problems with the **law?** *Did you have problems with the police?*
- It was a good **scam.** *It was a good trick/fraudulent activity.*
- They **grassed** on him to the police. *They informed the police.*