

COURTROOM LANGUAGE

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DIRECTIONS: The words in the box below are all legal terms that you might hear in a courtroom. Complete each sentence below the box with the word that best fits. If necessary, consult a dictionary. ALL WORDS WILL BE USED ONCE.

Appeal	Arraignment	Eminent domain	Class action
Contempt of court	Defendant	Plea	Hung jury
Impanel	Perjury	Verdict	Prosecutor
Public defender	Subpoena	Civil court	Warrant
Appellant	Bail bond	Grand jury	District attorney
Cross-examine	Plaintiff	Plea bargaining	
Indictment	Testify	Voir dire	
Sequestered	Bailiff		

1. The person responsible for bringing the accused to justice is called the _____.
2. Someone who is being sued or accused is called the _____.
3. To lie while under oath is to commit _____.
4. A(n) _____ is a court procedure in which formal charges are brought against a defendant.
5. A(n) _____ is a group of 12 to 23 people empowered to look into possible criminal activity and indict individuals when it finds evidence of a crime.
6. A document given to the grand jury in which one or more people are accused of committing a crime is called a(n) _____.
7. A defendant usually has to post _____ to ensure his or her presence in court during the course of the case.
8. A(n) _____ is a written order from a judge directing a public employee to do something such as make an arrest.
9. A lawsuit brought by a group of people with a shared purpose is called a(n) _____ lawsuit.
10. A court paper requesting someone to appear at a judicial proceeding is a(n) _____.
11. A jury may be _____ to keep it from having outside contact during a trial.
12. A defendant's answer to a complaint is called a(n) _____.
13. A(n) _____ is a lawyer provided by the state to someone who cannot afford one.
14. The right of the state to take private property for public use is called _____.
15. A jury's finding of the facts is called the _____.
16. To select a jury is to _____ it.

17. Anything done to hinder the work of the court is called _____ .
18. A jury that cannot reach a verdict is a(n) _____ .
19. The phrase _____ means “speak the truth” and is used when people are being questioned to see if they qualify to serve on a jury.
20. A request to reverse the decision of a court is a(n) _____ .
21. When a defendant agrees, during pretrial negotiations, to plead guilty to a lesser charge if a more serious charge is dropped, the defendant is _____ .
22. One who brings a suit into a court of law is a(n) _____ .
23. A lawyer will _____ a witness called by the opposing side to challenge the witness’s testimony.
24. A witness is asked to _____ under oath.
25. A(n) _____ is an officer who protects the jurors and keeps order in the court.