

Quick on the Draw: Justice System Game

This quick-fire game is designed to improve students' knowledge and understanding of the criminal justice system in the UK.

This can be played with 1 or more students with a question master.

Set up:

- Either: print the questions and cut up so each student (player) has a set each stacked in number order or print one copy for a question master.
- Print the information sheets or load them up on the computer so they can be accessed by the student(s).

How to play the game:

- To start either place Question 1 face down in front of each student or get them ready to hear Question 1.
- Get the student to read or listen to the first question. They need to find the answer somewhere in the resources in front of them.
- Once they have the correct answer, they tell the question master. If there is more than 1 person playing, they should whisper the answer to the question master.
- The student must answer each question correctly before they receive the next question. If they get a question wrong, they are sent back to their resources to find the correct answer.
- If the answer is right the student will be either whispered the next question or given the next one to take back to their resources.
- Allow everyone to finish before going through the answers and discuss any points raised.

Questions

1. What is the youngest age you can be arrested and taken to court?
2. When a young person goes to court, what type of court do they go to?
3. Tell me the word that should go in the blank spot.
“A Youth Court is a type of _____ court”.
4. What do we call the person who is on trial?
5. What is the oldest age you could be at Youth Court?
6. Who’s in charge of a Youth Court?
7. How much do Magistrates get paid?
8. There are two types of lawyers in court. One is there to help the defendant’s the other isn’t. What are their names?
9. Name two things that you would find in a Crown Court but not in a Youth Court?
10. What do you call the group of people who give evidence in court?
Giving evidence means telling the court what you saw or know about the crime.

Answers

- 1. What is the youngest age you can be arrested and taken to court?**
10 years old = age of Criminal responsibility – 10 is the age we think young people can take responsibility for their actions
- 2. When a young person goes to court, what type of court do they go to?** Youth Court
- 3. Tell me the word that should go in the blank spot.**
“A Youth Court is a type of Magistrates’ court”.
- 4. What do we call the person who is on trial?** The defendant
- 5. What is the oldest age you could be at Youth Court?** 17 years old
- 6. Who’s in charge of a Youth Court?** Magistrates
- 7. How much do Magistrates get paid?** Nothing – they are volunteers
- 8. What are the two types of lawyers that are in a court? One is there to help the defendant’s the other isn’t. What are their names?**
Defence lawyer and Prosecution lawyer – Prosecution are trying to prove that the Defendant are guilty, the Defence are trying to help the Defendant
- 9. Name two things that you would find in a Crown Court but not in a Youth Court?** Choices: Judge, Jury, Barristers, Court Clerk, members of the public, adults on trial.
- 10. What do you call the group of people who give evidence in court?** Witnesses

Resource 1: Facts about the Criminal Justice System

Youth Court & Magistrates' court are the lowest courts in the country. They are at the same level because a Youth court is a type of Magistrates' court.

If you are 10 to 17 years old, you go to a Youth Court. If you are 18 years or older, all cases go to a Magistrates' Court then maybe a Crown court.

In England, the minimum age of criminal responsibility is 10. That means at 10 you can be arrested and taken to court.

In Youth Court and Magistrates' Court, 3 **Magistrates** listen to cases and decide punishments

Magistrates can give some punishments for non-serious crimes. If a crime is serious, it is passed to the Crown Court. A Crown Court has a judge and jury.

Magistrates are volunteers. They do not get paid.



YOUTH COURTS DO NOT HAVE JUDGES.