



MOCK TRIAL MATCHING GAME

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Can you match the legal terms below to the correct definitions?

Before you begin, study the “Glossary of Legal Terms” on page 16 of NJSBF’s *“Mini-Court Teacher’s Guide for Grades K - 2.”* You can view or download the guide from the Publications Page on our website, njsbf.org (just open the Civics toggle). After reviewing the glossary, make the matches below, writing the letter of the definition in the space next to the correct legal term.

1. Judge ____
 2. Court ____
 3. Civil Trial ____
 4. Criminal Trial ____
 5. Law ____
 6. Jury ____
 7. Evidence ____
 8. Verdict ____
 9. Witness ____
 10. Crime ____
 11. Lawyer or Attorney ____
 12. Lawsuit ____
 13. Complaint ____
 14. Plaintiff ____
 15. Defendant ____
 16. Prosecutor ____
 17. Court Clerk ____
 18. Sheriff's Officer ____
- A. A way to decide who is guilty of breaking the law.
 - B. Something which shows or proves a fact.
 - C. A person who goes to court to tell the truth about what he or she has seen or knows about a crime or other situation.
 - D. A person who represents a plaintiff or defendant in court or outside of court in a legal matter.
 - E. A case before a court.
 - F. The place where a trial is held or another way of referring to the judge.
 - G. A formal charge against someone made in court, i.e., a claim that someone has done wrong.
 - H. A person who starts a lawsuit.
 - I. A person who is being sued or accused of breaking the law.
 - J. A group of people who listen to the evidence at a trial and decide if the law has been broken.
 - K. The person who is in charge of the court and who decides questions of law.
 - L. The lawyer who represents the state in a criminal trial. This lawyer must show that the defendant committed a crime.
 - M. The person who protects the courtroom.
 - N. A way to decide who is right when people disagree.
 - O. The decision made by the jury in a trial.
 - P. The person who calls the court to order and swears in witnesses.
 - Q. The act of breaking the law.
 - R. Rules which we live by to keep us safe and free and which help us to be fair and just.