

What happens at a jury trial?

Arrive at court



- You need to **arrive** to court **early**
- You will need to **go to the cells**
- The **security guards** will bring you into court when it is time

Jury list of people arrive at court



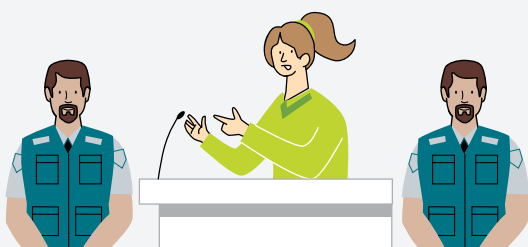
- The **jury list** are members of the public
- They have been told they need to come to court
- They **wait in the courtroom** until court starts

Judge arrives



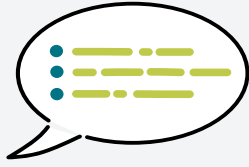
- The **judge** comes into the courtroom
- **Everyone stands up** when the judge **arrives** and **leaves** the court

You come to the court



- You come to the court from the cells
- You **stand in the dock**
- The **security guards** will stand next to you

Charges read out



- The **charges** will be read out loud

Introductions

12 people



- A **name** will be called out
- The person will walk to the jury seats
- **Each side** gets to **challenge 4 people**
- When **12 people** have been chosen they go out to pick a **foreperson**
- If there is an issue with anyone on the jury another person will be picked

Plead guilty or not guilty



- When the charges are read out loud, you will be asked, "**How do you plead?**"
- This is when you say your plea
- **Not guilty** – if this is what you and your lawyer talked about

The judge will talk



- The judge will talk to the jury and **explain the rules**
- The judge will also tell them **things they need to think about**

Police / Crown Prosecutor talks



- Opening
- They will talk and **explain the charges** against you

Check understanding



- Opening
- They will talk and explain why you are not guilty of the charges

Police / Crown case



- The **police / Crown** will call their **witnesses** to give evidence
- Each witness will be asked questions by the **police / Crown**
- They will then be asked questions by the **defence lawyer**
- Sometimes the **judge** asks questions

When all the witnesses have finished the **police / Crown case has FINISHED.**

Defence case



- The defence can “**Elect**” or **choose** to give or call evidence
- This is for **you to choose** if **you** will answer questions
- Or if you ask someone else to come to court and answer questions



If you choose

YES

You and / or **witnesses** will need to **answer questions**

If you choose

NO

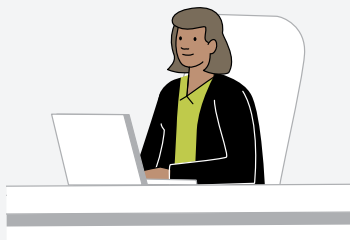
police / Crown will **close their case**

Closing



- **First**, the **police / Crown** talks
- They will talk to the **jury** for a **long time** about the charges and the evidence
- **Next**, the **defence lawyer** talks
- They will also talk to the **jury** for a **long time** about the charges and the evidence

Judge will sum up



- **Last**, the **judge** will talk
- The judge will **sum up the case**
- The judge will talk to the **jury** about all the **rules** and the **law**

Jury go out to deliberate



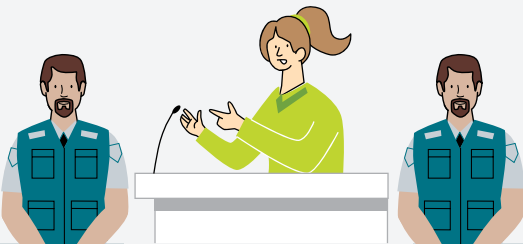
- Now it is time for the **jury** to go out and **make a decision**
- Sometimes this can take a **long time**
- You will need to wait in the **cells** until they are finished

Jury go out to deliberate



- When the jury say they have made a **verdict**, this means they have made a **decision**
- The **foreperson** will stand up and tell the court what the **decision is**

Guilty or not guilty



- You will need to **stand up in the dock** when the verdict / decision is read out

What happens next?



- If you are found **not guilty** you are free to go
- If you are found **guilty** you will need to go back to the **cells**
- Your **lawyer** will come and talk to you and tell you **what happens next**