

# What happens at a jury trial?

<p><b>Arrive at court</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You need to <b>arrive</b> to court <b>early</b></li><li>• You will need to <b>go to the cells</b></li><li>• The <b>Corrections officers</b> will bring you into court when it is time</li></ul>
<p><b>Jury list of people arrive at court</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>jury list</b> are members of the public</li><li>• They have been told they need to come to court</li><li>• They <b>wait in the jury room</b> until court starts</li></ul>
<p><b>Judge arrives</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>judge</b> comes into the courtroom</li><li>• <b>Everyone stands up</b> when the judge <b>arrives</b> and <b>leaves</b> the court</li></ul>
<p><b>You come to the court</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You come to the court from the cells</li><li>• You <b>stand in the dock</b></li><li>• The <b>Corrections officers</b> will stand next to you</li></ul>
<p><b>Jury selected</b></p> <p>12 people</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A <b>name</b> will be called out</li><li>• The person will walk to the jury seats</li><li>• <b>Each side</b> gets to <b>challenge 4 people</b></li><li>• When <b>12 people</b> have been chosen they go out to pick a <b>foreperson</b></li><li>• If there is an issue with anyone on the jury another person will be picked</li></ul>
<p><b>Plead guilty or not guilty</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When the charges are read out loud, you will be asked, <b>“How do you plead?”</b></li><li>• This is when you say your plea</li></ul>

### The judge will talk



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

### Crown Prosecutor talks



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

### Defence talks (your lawyer)



- **Opening**
- They will talk and **explain your side - your defence to the charges**

### Crown case



- The **Crown** will call their **witnesses** to give **evidence**
- Each witness will be asked questions by the **Crown**
- They will then be asked questions by the **defence lawyer**
- Sometimes the **Crown lawyer** can ask more questions

When all the witnesses have finished the **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**

There will be no more **witnesses**. **Crown and defence** will **close** their cases.

## Closing



- **First**, the **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

## Verdict



- 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 go back to the **cells**. Sometimes there is a bail decision
- Your **lawyer** will come and talk to you and tell you **what happens next**