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Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Circle group

Two people may not agree. They go to a court. In some courts, a group of neighbors decides. This group is a jury.

The jury is picked from the town. A jury may have a baker, a bus driver, or a teacher. They do not know the people in the case. That helps them be fair.

The jury sits and listens to both sides. Then they talk in a quiet room. They make a choice.

Being on a jury is a job for a citizen. It helps keep rules fair.

Questions

1. What is a group of neighbors in a court called?

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2. Where is a jury picked from?

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3. What does the jury do before it makes a choice?

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4. What is one job a person on a jury might have?

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5. Why is it good that the jury does not know the people?

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Words to know

jury: a group of townspeople who help decide a case
court: a place where people go to settle a big disagreement
citizen: a person who belongs to a town or a country

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Triangle group

Sometimes two people disagree in a big way. They may go to a court. There, someone fair can decide. In some courts, the deciders are not judges. They are a group of neighbors called a jury.

The people on a jury are chosen from the town. One may be a baker, a bus driver, or a teacher. A jury does not know the people in the case. That is good. It helps the jury stay fair.

The jury sits together and listens. They hear from both sides. Then they talk in a quiet room and make a choice.

Serving on a jury is a job for a citizen. It is one way that people in a town help keep the rules fair for all.

Questions

1. What is a group of neighbors in a court called?

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2. Where are the people on a jury chosen from?

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3. What does the jury do before it makes a choice?

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4. What is one job that someone on a jury might have?

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5. Why is it good that a jury does not know the people in the case?

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Words to know

jury: a group of townspeople who help decide a case
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Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Square group

Occasionally two people disagree so strongly that they take their problem to a court, where someone fair can settle it. In certain courts, the people who decide are not judges at all. Instead, they are a group of neighbors known as a jury.

The members of a jury are chosen from among the people of the town. They might be a baker, a bus driver, or a teacher. Jurors usually do not know the people in the case, which helps them to remain fair.

The jury sits together and listens carefully to both sides. Afterward, the members talk it over in a quiet room and make a choice.

Serving on a jury is an important job for a citizen. It is one way that townspeople help keep the rules fair for everyone.

Questions

1. What is the group of neighbors who decide a case called?

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2. How are the members of a jury chosen?

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3. What does the jury do before it makes a choice?

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4. What kinds of jobs might the people on a jury have?

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5. Why does it help that jurors do not know the people in the case?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Easier · 90 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.5

1. A jury.
2. From the town.
3. It listens to both sides.
4. A baker, a bus driver, or a teacher.
5. It helps the jury be fair.

Triangle: Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

This passage · 124 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3

1. A jury.
2. From the town.
3. It listens to both sides.
4. A baker, a bus driver, or a teacher.
5. It helps the jury stay fair.

Square: Neighbors Who Sit on a Jury

Harder · 132 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.8

1. A jury.
2. They are chosen from among the people of the town.
3. It listens carefully to both sides.
4. A baker, a bus driver, or a teacher.
5. It helps them remain fair.