

5 Days in Jail!

Today we'll watch a video from a YouTube channel called "Caught in Providence." The video is about a woman who goes to court for breaking the law. She brings her five children with her.

Note: Here are a few words which might be useful to know for the video.

- *twins* : two children born during the same birth
- *fire fighter hat* : a red hat worn by firemen
- *raise* : to increase the level of something, such as pay or salary

A. Watch the video and circle the words that you hear from the table below.

Crime and Punishment Vocabulary

jail	gavel	hacking	case
thief	limit	red light	guilty
shoplift	identity theft	cuffs	police officer
fine	judge	innocent	penalty
inspector	pickpocket	dismiss	fraud

B. Match the words which you circled above to the definitions below.

- Money that you pay as a punishment
- An type of police officer
- The circular metal instruments used to lock a criminal's wrists together
- Prison
- An official who decides court cases
- A legal action to decide if someone is guilty or innocent
- To stop a case due to someone's innocence or due to insufficient evidence
- A point or level which someone shouldn't pass
- The wooden hammer-like instrument used by a judge
- The opposite of innocent



C. Answer the questions.

1. What law did the woman break?
2. What was her punishment?
3. Do you agree with the judge's decision? Why or why not?

D. Discuss the following questions in partners, Student A and Student B.

Student A

1. Is this court case similar to the ones in your town or city? Why or why not?
2. What is the punishment for speeding in your area?
3. Do you think the punishment for speeding in your area is fair? Why or why not?
4. Are traffic crimes common in your area? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever gotten in trouble for speeding? If yes, what happened?
6. Are there any traffic crimes that should be punished with jail time? If yes, what are they?

Student B

1. What types of crime are most common in your area?
2. What are the punishments for these crimes?
3. Do you think you could be a good judge? Why or why not?
4. Do you think you could be a good police officer or inspector? Why or why not?
5. If you had to go to court, would you take your family with you? Why or why not?
6. What characteristics do you think would make a good judge?

E. Read the scenario below. Then you and your partner are going to act as judges. Decide what punishments you think are fair for the people involved in the story.

Lisa is a very busy hard-working mother of six children. She has two jobs, but she can't afford to pay car insurance. Yesterday, when she was coming home from her shift, she was feeling exhausted. As she was driving, she closed her eyes for just a second, and when she opened them, she realized that there was a dog in the road in front of her. She stopped her car suddenly. The car behind her was driven by John. John is a college student and he had a beer before driving home after visiting his friends. He tried to stop the car in time, but he still hit the back of Lisa's car. Both Lisa and John are okay, but their cars are totaled.

**totaled (adjective) : when a car is broken beyond repair*

Who should be punished and why? What should the punishment be? Discuss with your partner.

