

Each of these is on one card and the students select one card (face down). We can have as many Jury members as needed.

Prosecution starts the trial:

Read: We have sufficient evidence and numerous witnesses to conclude that the defendant is clearly guilty of being a square.

(Then call witness 1 through witness 5, one at a time)

Witness 1 called by the prosecution

Read: At club triangle only three-sided polygons are allowed. The defendant simply had too many sides. I had to turn them away.

Witness 2 called by the prosecution

Read: I am a bouncer at the Polygon Club. To get in you must be a polygon with three or more sides. No curves allowed. The defendant comes here all the time.

Witness 3 called by the prosecution

Read: I work in human resources at the Pentagon. In order to work at the Pentagon you must have at least five sides. The defendant was under qualified. I didn't even consider their application.

Witness 4 called by the prosecution

Read: I'm an equilateral triangle. I like talking to the defendant who understands me, both of us having equal sides and all.

Witness 5 called by the prosecution

Read: I'm an expert on rectangles. All rectangles have four sides. All squares are rectangles with equal sides and equal angles.

Defense Read this after witness 5:

Read: People of the course, my client is accused of being a square. The burden of proof is on the prosecution. I contend that the prosecution does not have sufficient evidence to convict my client who is innocent until proven guilty. In fact, I have a surprise witness.

**Surprise
Witness** Read this after the defense mentions you.

Read: The defendant is my neighbor who is as nice as can be but not quite right.

Jury Member

Consider the evidence and deliberate. What can you conclude?