

# How Do You Run a Trial?

## LESSON PLAN:

### Objective:

- To offer the students an insight into the order of events at a trial

### Aims:

- To explain courtroom protocol for the students
- To ensure that students understand how a trial operates

### Resources:

- Let's look at the law video - Lesson 10 (5 minutes)
- Download: *Running Order of the Trial*.

### Key questions:

- What is the order of events at a trial?
- Who speaks first, second etc?

### Duration: 35 minutes

### Introduction: (2 minutes)

Teacher explains that the video will highlight important concepts in a court case

### Development and closure (33 minutes)

Use section of video to highlight running order of a trial such as:

- Opening statements
- Examination-in-chief
- Cross-examination
- Closing speeches

The class discusses each concept after it has been shown (teacher pauses video)

### Closure:

Use video to recap on the roles of participants in the trial.

Preparation for next class: ***The Mock Trial***

- Teacher asks the jurors to select a foreman before the next class
- The tipstaff will need to receive a copy of the ***The Mock Trial*** topic [Classroom layout for the trial](#) in order to arrange for the room layout for the mock trial. A second room (or private area) will be required for the jury to consider their verdict. Other arrangements will be necessary if the trial is being held at another venue.
- The class might like to consider if it would be possible to arrange to run their Mock Trial in the local courthouse.
- They may also like to invite a visitor to act as judge.