

Understanding the Courts System

LESSON PLAN:

Objective:

To enable the students understand the Irish courts system.

Aims:

- To explain the structure of the courts in Ireland.

Resources:

- *Let's look at the law* video - Lesson 6 (4 minutes).
- Charts showing the structure of the courts. *Teacher's Notes: Structure of the courts (detail)*, and *Student Handout: Structure of the courts (simple)*.
- Student Resource page at <https://courts.ie/understanding-courts-system-0>

Key questions:

- What are the different courts in Ireland?
- What does 'jurisdiction' mean?

Duration: 35 minutes

Introduction: (5 minutes)

Teacher explains;

- the difference between the different courts

Development: (10 minutes)

- ♦ Class watch the *Let's look at the law* video - Lesson 6
- ♦ Teacher may divide the class into groups representing each court.
- ♦ After discussion, a spokesperson from each group explains their definition of the jurisdiction of each court.

Closure: (20 minutes).

Class can take quiz from student resource page (available online or as a download).