

Vocabulary: **Law**

attorney	<i>n.</i> 1 a person appointed to act for or represent another 2 ^{US} lawyer
barrister^{UK}	<i>n.</i> a lawyer who pleads before a superior court
brief	<i>n.</i> 1 ^{UK} instructions to a barrister - <i>also v.</i> 2 ^{US} written statement of facts for a court
case	<i>n.</i> statement of the facts in a trial, esp. the argument of one side
contract	<i>n.</i> a formal agreement, usually in writing, between two or more parties
court of law	<i>n.</i> the place where law cases are hear and decided; court - courtroom <i>n.</i>
evidence	<i>n.</i> information presented to a court to prove or support a point in question
guilty	<i>adj.</i> responsible for wrong; culpable - guilt <i>n.</i> not guilty <i>adj.</i>
judge	<i>n.</i> public official with authority to hear and decide cases in a court of law - <i>also v.</i>
jury	<i>n.</i> a group of people chosen to hear the evidence of a case and give a decision
lawsuit	<i>n.</i> a trial at court between two private parties
lawyer	<i>n.</i> a person trained in law and who advises or represents others
plead	<i>v.</i> 1 to defend a law case 2 to declare oneself to be guilty or not guilty - plea <i>n.</i>
sentence	<i>n.</i> 1 decision of a court, esp. as to the punishment 2 the punishment - <i>also v.</i>
solicitor	<i>n.</i> 1 ^{UK} lawyer advising clients & briefing barristers 2 ^{US} law officer for a city etc
sue	<i>v.</i> to start legal action against someone in a court of law - lawsuit <i>n.</i>
sum up	<i>v.</i> to summarise & review the evidence of a case [said of a judge] - summing up <i>n.</i>
trial	<i>n.</i> a formal examination of a case in a court of law - to try <i>v.</i>
verdict	<i>n.</i> the formal decision or finding of a judge or jury
without prejudice	without detriment or damage to a legal right or claim