

The Trial

An expensive painting has been stolen and a man has been accused of stealing it. The case has come to court and you are on the jury.

You will hear evidence from eight witnesses who believe the accused man is the thief.

- 1) Do you think each piece of evidence is good evidence or not? Explain why.
- 2) What, if anything, could be wrong with each piece of evidence?
- 3) Can you order the evidence from best to worst?
- 4) How would you question each witness' statement?
- 5) Would any of the evidence be enough to convince you the man is guilty?

Witness 1: 'I had a dream that he did it.'

Witness 2: 'My friend's mother's hairdresser said he did it.'

Witness 3: 'I read that he did it in the newspaper.'

Witness 4: 'Everyone thinks he did it.'

Witness 5: 'I just feel deep down inside that he did it.'

Witness 6: 'His fingerprints match those on the door of the room the painting was in.'

Witness 7: 'I know that he had a motive to steal it.'

Witness 8: 'I saw him do it.'

