

Preview Quiz



Directions: As you read about the law and how it applies to you, you will encounter many legal terms. Some you already know and understand. Others will be new to you. At times you may discover there is more to the definition of a legal term than you now realize.

In this short quiz twenty legal terms have been defined. Read each definition and then, in the space provided, write the legal term defined. Don't worry if you are certain about only a few answers. At this point you aren't supposed to be able to give correct terms for most of the definitions in this quiz.

Answer as many questions as you can. Then check your answers. You may wish to keep this quiz handy as you learn about the law and how it applies to you. Look back at this quiz occasionally to see how many terms you can now identify. It is one way to tell how your understanding of the law is growing as you study.

1. _____ Anyone who knows about a crime or who conceals evidence of a crime.
2. _____ The illegal theft or stealing of another person's property.
3. _____ Publishing written or drawn material meant to harm someone's reputation.
4. _____ A legal order requiring an individual to appear in court.
5. _____ Anyone who testifies before a court.
6. _____ False writing or changing something written with intent to defraud.
7. _____ A group of citizens selected to hear evidence in court.
8. _____ An attempt or threat to physically harm a person.
9. _____ Breaking into someone's home with the intent to commit a crime.
10. _____ Saying false things about a person in public that may hurt his or her reputation.
11. _____ When someone accused of a crime is brought to court to hear the charges and to plead guilty or not guilty.
12. _____ A jury's decision.
13. _____ A less serious crime than a felony.
14. _____ Taking another's personal property or money by use of violence or threat of violence.
15. _____ A written law for a town or city.
16. _____ Failure to use reasonable care.
17. _____ A dishonest act intended to deprive another person of his or her rights or property.