

Who's speaking?

THE STATEMENTS BELOW are all taken from the same case. They were made orally in open court during the trial. Read them and decide who made each statement. For example, the first statement, number 1, was made by the counsel for the prosecution.

- 1 "I would like to remind you of the testimony of Mrs Ellen Barry. She told us that her husband phoned her to say that he had had a successful day. Now, Mr Barry was a drugs dealer, yet when the police arrived on the scene of the crime he had a total of £12.50 in his pockets. We also know that he had borrowed money from Mr Swan on a previous occasion and failed to repay it."
- 2 "He was getting angrier by the minute. He said he wasn't going to let me make a fool of him and then he took out a gun. I was astonished. He started waving it around and shouting. I turned to run away and he shot me in the leg."
- 3 "I apprehended Mr Swan on Standish Lane, a few minutes from the scene of the shooting. At the time of his arrest he had £1,000 and a handgun on his person. He was very distressed, but made no attempt to resist arrest."
- 4 "I was on my way home from the pub when I saw two men arguing. They seemed to be talking about money. They were very angry and both of them were shouting. I wasn't really listening to be honest. Suddenly I heard a shot. When I looked round one of them was lying on the floor and the other had disappeared."
- 5 "I went out to the bank at the end of the afternoon to deposit the money in my business account, but I arrived too late and the bank was closed. I kept the money with me when I went out that night. I didn't want to leave it in the office overnight: we've had a couple of burglaries recently. I was carrying the gun for my own protection. It's licensed. When he attacked me I panicked. It was self-defence."
- 6 "Mark rang me from the pub at about seven o'clock. He said it had gone very well. I supposed he meant that the deal had gone through. He couldn't tell me on the phone. He said he was going to celebrate and he'd be home late."
- 7 "Mr Swan let me go home early. He said he was going to close up the office and go round to the bank."
- 8 "This is a very serious crime, and all the more shocking as it is committed by a man with a comfortable position in society. I find myself with no choice but to sentence you to eight years in prison. Had your victim not survived, which may be due as much to poor marksmanship as compassion, you would have found yourself facing a far longer sentence."
- 9 "We find the defendant guilty as charged."
- 10 "You have heard that Mr Barry was a habitual criminal, whereas my client was a respected local businessman. Does it seem to you probable that a respectable person, someone like yourselves, would go out with a gun to collect debts as my learned friend suggests?"

Extension. Can you reconstruct the story of the case from the statements?

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