

20 X REVISION TOPIC CARDS

INSIDE THE COURT ROOM

KEY WORDS/TERMS COVERED

CIVIL LAW
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COURT CLERK
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KEY TERMS
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KEY
TERMS

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CIVIL LAW

laws that deal with disputes between individuals or groups. E.G Negligence, Divorce and Consumer case

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Synonym:

Non-criminal

In a sentence:

In order to see my kids I need to go through the civil courts for them to issue me with a visiting order

Exam technique:

Identify the main two civil courts?
What remedies are available in civil law?
What is the difference between civil and criminal law?

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CRIMINAL LAW

laws that deal with individuals who break the law, as determined by the state. Police gather evidence and make arrests. The state prosecutes in a criminal court.

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Synonym:

Breaking the law

In a sentence:

The Crown Prosecution Service have decided to prosecute Sarah for dealing drugs under the criminal law Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

Exam technique:

Identify the main two criminal courts?
What sentences are available in criminal law?
What is the difference between civil and criminal law?

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SOLICITOR

A legally qualified person who advises clients on a range of issues and criminal matters. They represent clients in lower courts, and prepare cases for barristers to try in higher courts.

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Synonym:

Lawyer

In a sentence:

As a landlord I had to hire a **solicitor** and go through the courts in order to issue an eviction notice.

Exam technique:

What qualities would you expect from your solicitor?
Explain the role of a solicitor
Where else could you go for legal advice?

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BARRISTER

Specialist legal advisers who are employed by solicitors to offer specialist legal advice or represent clients in higher courts. Barristers will belong to an Inn of Court and are specialist advocates

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Synonym:

FLawyer

In a sentence:

Many people refer to barristers as the mouthpiece of the client in a court room.

Exam technique:

What training is required to become a barrister?
Explain the differences between barristers and solicitors
Identify the qualities needed to be a barrister

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (JP)

Ordinary citizens who volunteer to become magistrates (they receive training to do this). They sit with other magistrates in a Magistrates Court and decide the outcome of cases.

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Synonym:

Magistrate

In a sentence:

A **justice of the peace** will decide both the verdict and the sentence, they are often referred to as 'magistrates'.

Exam technique:

Why are JP's needed?
Explain the role of a JP.
Does everyone in the legal system receive justice?

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YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

They develop a range of services to work with young people who have committed crimes or at risk of committing crimes. They make young people face up to the consequences of their behaviour

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Synonym:

N/A

In a sentence:

Recently the **Youth Offending Team** have tackled issues such as truancy and drug dealing in my local area.

Exam technique:

Why is the role of the YOT so important?
How successful are Youth Offending Teams?
How do they support young offenders?

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VERDICT

The decision made by a magistrate (Magistrates court) or a jury (Crown Court) as to whether the accused is innocent or guilty.

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Synonym:

Outcome

In a sentence:

I have waited so long to finally hear the verdict of guilt passed by the 12 members of the jury.

Exam technique:

Why in Crown Court cases do a jury decide the verdict?
Can a defendant appeal a verdict of guilty? (what grounds)
Explain the different roles within a court room

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A system of criminal justice which focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large

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Synonym:

Restorative Practice

In a sentence:

Restorative justice can be used anywhere to prevent conflict, build relationships and repair harm by enabling people to communicate effectively and positively

Exam technique:

Why might a school use restorative justice?
What are the advantages of using restorative justice?
How else can the criminal justice system rehabilitate offenders?

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SENTENCING

The process of giving a punishment to a person found guilty of a crime.

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Synonym:

Legal punishment

In a sentence:

Each Court and Judge has **sentencing** guidelines to help them decide on fair punishments for offenders.

Exam technique:

What are the sentencing powers of the Magistrates court?
What are the sentencing powers of the Crown court?
What is a non-custodial sentence?

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CROWN COURT

The court which deals with the most serious criminal cases. e.g. murder, manslaughter, rape. The judge can award an unlimited fine and up to life in prison to a defendant found guilty

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Synonym:

Higher Criminal Court

In a sentence:

In the **Crown Court** the jury decide the verdict and the judge will decide the appropriate sentence (punishment) if they are found guilty.

Exam technique:

What sentencing powers does the Crown Court have?
What sort of cases does the Crown Court deal with?

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COUNTY COURT

This is a civil court that deals with a variety of civil matters including businesses recovering money, individuals seeking compensation for injuries and recovery of land actions.

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Synonym:

Civil court

In a sentence:

The **county court** cases are presided over by a variety of different judges including circuit judges, recorders, district judges and deputy district judges

Exam technique:

What types of cases are heard in a county court?
What kinds of judgements are made in a county court?
Who sits in a county court?

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COURT CLERK

An officer of the court whose responsibilities include maintaining records of the court and to advise the magistrate as they are usually a qualified solicitor or barrister.

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Synonym:

Magistrate advisor

In a sentence:

Because the magistrates are not legally qualified they may take advice from their **court clerk** on complicated legal issues.

Exam technique:

Why is a court clerk needed?
What are the responsibilities of a court clerk?
Should the legal system still use magistrates?

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COURT USHER

A position/ job held in a court. Their duties may include escorting people to the court room, ensuring the secure transaction of legal documents and deciding the order of cases.

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Synonym:

Court Administrator

In a sentence:

I was running late to court but thankfully the **court usher** was able to direct me to where I was meant to be.

Exam technique:

What is the role of the court usher?
What qualities and skills would a court usher need?

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MAGISTRATES COURT

This is the criminal court of first instance that deals with the majority of criminal cases (summary offences). Usually the maximum sentencing powers would be a £5,000 fine and up to six months in prison.

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Synonym:

Court of first instance

In a sentence:

A Justices of the Peace (JPs) also known as a Magistrate will preside over the cases that come through the **magistrates court** and decide both the verdict and the appropriate sentence

Exam technique:

What are the sentencing powers of the magistrates court?
What qualities would you expect a magistrate to have?
What does the term lay person mean?

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EVIDENCE THRESHOLDS

The amount of information/ evidence needed to be successful in a case. In Criminal law this is 'beyond reasonable doubt and in civil law 'on the balance of probability'

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Synonym:

Requirements

In a sentence:

In criminal law the **evidence threshold** is so much higher than in civil law.

Exam technique:

Why is the evidence threshold higher in criminal law?
What does on the balance of probability actually mean?
What kinds of evidence can be used in court?

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FOREMAN

A jury member who acts as the chairman and spokesperson for the jury. S/he is the head juror

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Synonym:

spokesman

In a sentence:

A jury **foreman** is often elected by either the jury or the judge of a civil or criminal case. A jury member may also volunteer to hold this position.

Exam technique:

What is the role of the foreman?
How is a jury foreperson chosen?
What rules do jury members have to follow?

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JUDICIARY

The system of courts and judges through which law is applied.

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Synonym:

Legal System

In a sentence:

The Lord Chief Justice is head of the **Judiciary** in England and Wales. Scotland has a separate legal system.

Exam technique:

What is the role of the judiciary?
What is the highest court in the UK? Identify three other courts
Explain the qualities you would expect from a judge magistrate.

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JURY

Consists of twelve people who sit in criminal and some civil events to make decisions on matters of facts. they will decide the verdict in a criminal case.

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Synonym:

Court of first instance

In a sentence:

Previously it was expected that there must be a unanimous verdict of guilty or not guilty. It had changed to allow a verdict of 10-2 majority if the **jury** fails to agree after a given period

Exam technique:

What responsibilities do jury members have?
Who is eligible for jury service?
Should juries be abolished?

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WITNESS

A witness is a person who testifies under oath at a trial regarding experiences of which he or she has personal knowledge

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Synonym:

Civil court

In a sentence:

In so many trials, it is the carefully considered evidence of expert **witnesses** that can ensure a just outcome

Exam technique:

What is the role of a witness in court?
What does the term 'cross-examination' mean?
Why can witnesses be unreliable?

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PUBLIC GALLERY

The public sit in a gallery that has sight of the justices and counsel Members of the public who wish to listen to the legal proceedings can do so.

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Synonym:

N/A

In a sentence:

The teacher made sure their law students were sitting quietly with their mobile phones turned off in the public gallery waiting for the case to begin

Exam technique:

Name three different criminal courts?
Why do family and youth courts almost never allow the public to watch?
What is the role of the prosecution?

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CITIZENSHIP

How can this resource be used?



1. Students discuss and complete the exam questions in pairs

2. Cut them out, hide them around the room and allow students to create links between the different key terms when they are found

3. Cut the key terms in half and create a matching exercise. Print in black and white to make more difficult

4. Use as literacy support for weaker students or use as mini extensions for the most able students

5. Use as revision for topics and as vocabulary hints for extended written responses

6. Upload to your secure online virtual learning environment for students to revise from

7. Revision for vocabulary spelling tests

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