Belligerently: in a hostile or angry manner

Sadist: someone who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain on others

Antagonize: to make someone to become hostile or unfriendly

Discrepancy: a fault or error noted between conflicting facts or claims

Premeditate: consider, ponder, or plan (an action) beforehand

Prosecution: The side in a court case that pursues formal charges against a criminal to final judgment.

Coroner: a public official who investigates by inquest any death not due to natural causes

Unanimous: being in complete agreement

Hung jury: a jury that cannot reach a verdict

Forman: the man who heads and speaks for the jury

Acquit: to find the defendant innocent ("not guilty")

### Abstain

To choose not to do something

### Bigot

A person who is completely intolerant of any different group, race, religion, belief or opinion

### Ensuing

Following; coming afterward

### Flimsy

Weak and thin

### Insignificant

a very small detail that has little or no importance

### intimidate

threaten, frighten into submission

### meek

quiet, submissive, gentle

### monopoly

the exclusive control or possession of (a business)

### mugging

a physical attack to take money or goods from someone

### naive

having or showing a lack of experience or judgment; credulous (gullible)

### pantomime

acting without words

### preliminary

preceding before the main part; introductory or initial

### proposition

a deal; bargain

### rapport

relationship, especially one of mutual trust or emotional liking

### reflectively

with insight and deep thought

### refugee

a person who flees one country and seeks safety somewhere else

### stereotyping

putting people into groups and making assumptions based on race, religion, nationality, physical appearance, social class or some other easily identifiable characteristic

### sheepishly

with embarrassment

### tenement

a large apartment building offering only the basics, usually located in an urban setting

### writhing

squirming, moving in twisting movements

### to convict

to find the defendant guilty of a crime

### alibi

an excuse used by the defendant to prove he/she was elsewhere when the crime was committed

### Homicide

The killing of one person by another

### Deliberate

To consider and discuss carefully

### Perjury

The act of lying under oath in court

### Cross-examine

To question a witness who has already testified for the opposite side

### Plead the Fifth

To refuse to testify when doing so might incriminate oneself (witness) in a crime

### Double jeopardy

Rule that a person cannot be tried twice for the same crime

[refute](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/refute)

overthrow by argument, evidence, or proof

*3RD JUROR: Right. I mean, there are facts for you. You can’t****refute****facts.*

[motive](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/motive)

the reason that arouses action toward a desired goal

*Well, I was looking for the****motive****. That’s very important. If there’s no****motive****, where’s the case?*

[provoke](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/provoke)

provide the needed stimulus for

*I can’t see two slaps in the face****provoking****him into committing murder.*

[hostile](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hostile)

characterized by enmity or ill will

*3RD JUROR: It’s the kids, the way they are nowadays. Angry!****Hostile****! You can’t do a damn thing with them.*

[menace](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/menace)

something that is a source of danger

*Children from slum backgrounds are potential****menaces****to society.*

[alleged](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/alleged)

declared but not proved

*Look, there was one****alleged****eyewitness to this killing.*

[circumstantial](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/circumstantial)

suggesting that something is true without proving it

*There was a lot of****circumstantial****evidence, but actually those two witnesses were the entire case for the prosecution.*

[exhibit](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/exhibit)

an object or statement produced before a court of law

*4TH JUROR: The gentleman has a right to see****exhibits****in evidence.*

[diverge](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/diverge)

move or draw apart

*Now this is where the stories offered by the boy and the State begin to****diverge****slightly.*

[coincidence](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/coincidence)

the property of two things happening at the same time

*Aren’t you asking us to accept a pretty incredible****coincidence****?*

[probable](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/probable)

likely but not certain to be or become true or real

*8TH JUROR: It’s possible.
4TH JUROR: But not very****probable****.*

[stubborn](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stubborn)

tenaciously unwilling to yield

*So if you want to be****stubborn****and hang this jury, go ahead.*

[entitled](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/entitled)

qualified for by right according to law

*I have always thought that in this country a man was****entitled****to have unpopular opinions . . .*

[assume](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/assume)

take to be the case or to be true

*Since the woman saw the stabbing through the last two cars, we can****assume****that the body fell to the floor just as the train passed by.*

[accurate](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/accurate)

characterized by perfect conformity to fact or truth

*8TH JUROR: Well, I think that testimony that could put a human being into the electric chair should be that****accurate****.*

[recognize](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/recognize)

show approval or appreciation of

*That’s a very sad thing, to be nothing. A man like this needs to be****recognized****, to be listened to, to be quoted just once.*

[resent](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/resent)

feel bitter or indignant about

*It could mean he****resented****being appointed.*

[sanctimonious](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sanctimonious)

excessively or hypocritically pious

*You come in here with your****sanctimonious****talk about slum kids and injustice, and you make up some wild stories, and all of a sudden you start getting through to some of these old ladies in here.*

[lunge](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lunge)

make a thrusting forward movement

Miranda Rights

## (Miranda rule, Miranda warning)

The requirement set by the U. S. Supreme Court in Miranda v. Alabama (1966) that prior to the time of arrest and any interrogation of a person suspected of a crime, he/she must be told that he/she has: “the right to remain silent, the right to legal counsel, and the right to be told that anything he/she says can be used in court against” him/her. Further, if the accused person confesses to the authorities, the prosecution must prove to the judge that the defendant was informed of them and knowingly waived those rights, before the confession can be introduced in the defendant’s criminal trial. The warnings are known as “Miranda Rights” or just “rights.” The Miranda rule supposedly prevents self-incrimination in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Sometimes there is a question of admissibility of answers to questions made by the defendant before he/she was considered a prime suspect, raising a factual issue as to what is a prime suspect and when does a person become such a suspect?