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Activity: Media Sentencing

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- identify the different types of sentence available to the courts and understand why they are used.

Watch the clip below and answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4ClveEDtmk>

1. What does the clip suggest about how you would decide on a sentence for a criminal?
2. What is one of the most important things judges and magistrates should consider when sentencing?
3. What do judges and magistrates use to decide on sentences?
4. Although circumstances of crimes might be different, what is always the same?
5. Note the 8 points that judges and magistrates consider when deciding on a sentence and give examples of each one.
6. What are the four main types of sentence?
7. Why is prison used as a punishment?
8. How much time will someone spend in prison?
9. What do community sentences include?
10. What determines the level of a fine?
11. What is a discharge? Why are they sometimes used?