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Activity: Media Being a witness

Learning objectives

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

- understand what is involved in being a witness in a trial
- re-cap the procedures in Magistrates' and Crown Courts.

Using the link below, complete questions 1 to 14 that follow.

Note: this activity involves a series of eight short films. Once one clip has played, the next will start automatically. This activity also acts as a re-cap of court procedures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUOc0Sa1WMM>

1. Why would you be asked to go to court?
2. What are prosecution and defence witnesses?
3. Why is it important to be a witness?
4. Briefly describe the work of the Witness Care Unit (WCU).
5. What is the Witness Charter?
6. Why must you go to court if called?
7. What will the WCU do leading up to the trial?
8. Why is it important to let the court know where you are?
9. What does the Witness Service do?
10. What different ways are available to give evidence?
11. Briefly describe the procedure in a Magistrates' Court.
12. Briefly describe the Crown Court, the procedure and the personnel.
13. Briefly outline what happens to a witness at a trial.
14. Makes notes on any additional information given in the 'frequently asked questions' clip (clip number 8).