

**The case:**

- A convict has been accused of stealing 8 kg of pork from the military stores.
- The pork went missing between 12 noon and 8 pm.
- The convict was at the store between 12 noon and 3 pm.
- The theft was discovered by the cook at 8 pm.
- The only other people in the store between 12 noon and 8 pm were military people.
- There is no other evidence that the convict is guilty.
- The convict claims to have seen a military person stealing the pork.

**The players:**

- The judge (who also acts as the prosecutor to prove the person guilty)
- The jury (six members of the military)
- The clerk
- The defence lawyer (representing the accused person)
- The defendant
- Witnesses (called to give evidence)

**The script goes like this:**

- The clerk announces the arrival of the judge. Everybody stands and then sits down when the judge sits.
- The clerk reads out the charges.
- The judge asks the accused to plead guilty or not guilty.
- The accused replies.
- The judge outlines the case against the accused.
- The clerk calls out the name of the first witness. The witness stands in the witness box and is sworn in by the clerk.
- The judge then asks questions and the witness answers them.
- Then the lawyer asks questions of the same witness.
- After all its witnesses against the accused have been called the defence introduces its case, then calls *its* witnesses.
- The defence sums up.
- The judge sums up.
- The judge and jury retire (leave) to consider their verdict. They vote on an outcome; a majority vote is accepted.
- The verdict is read.
- The judge decides the punishment or declares the case dismissed.