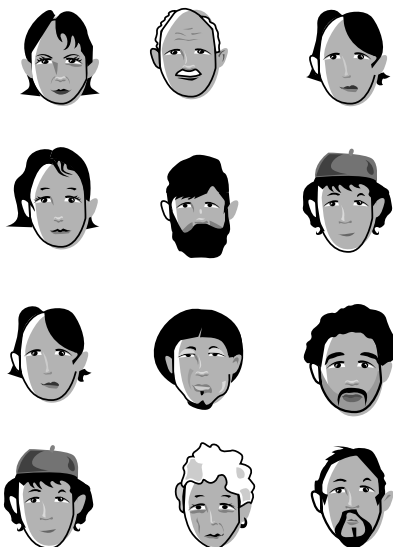


Judges



- The courts are completely separate from the government.
- Judges and magistrates are appointed by the government, but cannot be sacked by the government when it disagrees with their decisions.
- Judges' appointments are permanent (until they have to retire at 70 years).
- Judges' salaries are protected.
- Judges can only be dismissed if they do something very wrong.
- The only way a judge can be dismissed is if the whole parliament votes to do it.

Juries



- Juries are selected at random from the electoral roll.
- The accused person (or their lawyer) and the prosecution lawyer may challenge any juror and have them removed if they think they are biased.
- Jury members must tell the court if they have any personal interest in the case and, if so, they must stand down from the case.
- The jury must make a solemn promise to do their job properly.
- Where a jury is used it is the judge's job to make the law clear to the jury and advise them.