

Think about the death penalty from the point of view of the following persons. How are they likely to feel about it and why? Discuss and give grounds.

- a. the criminal himself / herself
- b. a priest
- c. a human rights activist
- d. a victim's loved one
- e. prison officers
- f. a judge
- g. a typical teenager in high school
- h. a philosopher
- i. you yourself
- j. the prison budget manager
- k. Amnesty International
- l. a doctor
- m. political extremists
- n. your grandmother

Team up with a friend or two. One of you is the defense attorney, the other the prosecutor. There could also be a judge. Feel free to add more details to the stories. Decide on the verdict for each case described underneath. Give grounds for your decision.

1. A **serial killer** has been caught in your community. Several young girls have gone missing in the past few years. Their decomposed remains have turned up in this guy's back yard. The police is doing more digging. Our guy is showing no remorse.
2. A **bank clerk** has embezzled 50 000 € from her bank over a period of three years. She said her elderly mother is in a nursing home which charges a lot of money. Do you believe her story?
3. A **teenager** has been caught shoplifting three times now. The parents have been notified. How will you correct a young mind?
4. A **passer-by** stole a business man's briefcase when he was buying cigarettes. It had 10 000 € of company money in it. Our guy returned the briefcase later but had spent 500 € of the money. How do you deal with him?
5. A **foreign tourist** was caught with some marijuana in her bag. She says she has absolutely no idea how the stuff got there.
6. A man was caught **drunk driving** causing an accident in which a young girl lost her life.
7. This **guy** had downloaded lots and lots of music from the net, burnt CDs and sold them to his buddies and also others. His financial gain is about 1000 €.
8. A soldier was injured in an accident while in service and got a permanent injury. He will never walk again. Some of the safety regulations were broken. How will you judge the **supervising officer**?
9. A **prisoner** with a six-year sentence escaped after two years in the slammer. He was loose for a month and was caught after he robbed a bank.
10. The neighbourhood **pimp** is on trial. His girls have given the whole area a bad name. The sucker has got one earlier offence.
11. We've got a **murder suspect**. The police have only come up with circumstantial evidence (aihetodisteet). The victim is his ex-girlfriend so there might be a motive. He doesn't have a good alibi. The two had been arguing but he swears he didn't do it.
12. This **scumbag** lured teenaged girls into his apartment after getting to know them first on the net pretending to be someone else.