

**defendant**[di'fendənt] *n*

1. *юр.*
- 1) ответчик
- 2) подсудимый, обвиняемый
2. *уст.* тот, кто отвечает на вызов, принимает вызов (в споре, битве)

**defendant**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**de-fend-ant** [defendant defendants] *BrE* [di'fendənt] <sup>ⓘ</sup> *NAmE* [di'fendənt] <sup>ⓘ</sup>**noun**the person in a trial who is accused of committing a crime, or who is being **sued** by another person**compare** ↑accused, ↑plaintiffWord Origin:Middle English (as an adjective in the sense 'defending'): from Old French, warding off, present participle of **defendre**, from Latin **defendere**, from **de-** 'off' + **-fendere** 'to strike'.Collocations:**Criminal justice***Breaking the law*

break/violate/obey/uphold the law

be investigated/arrested/tried for a crime/a robbery/fraud

be arrested/ (*especially NAmE*) indicted/convicted on charges of rape/fraud/ (*especially US*) felony charges

be arrested on suspicion of arson/robbery/shoplifting

be accused of/be charged with murder/ (*especially NAmE*) homicide/four counts of fraud

face two charges of indecent assault

admit your guilt/liability/responsibility (for sth)

deny the allegations/claims/charges

confess to a crime

grant/be refused/be released on/skip/jump bail

*The legal process*

stand/await /bring sb to/come to/be on trial

take sb to/come to/settle sth out of court

face/avoid/escape prosecution

seek/retain/have the right to/be denied access to legal counsel

hold/conduct/attend/adjourn a hearing/trial

sit on/influence /persuade/convince the jury

sit/stand/appear /be put/place sb in the dock

plead guilty/not guilty to a crime

be called to/enter (*BrE*) the witness boxtake/put sb on the stand/ (*NAmE*) the witness stand

call/subpoena/question/cross-examine a witness

give/hear the evidence against/on behalf of sb

raise/withdraw /overrule an objection

reach a unanimous/majority verdict

return/deliver /record a verdict of not guilty/unlawful killing/accidental death

convict/acquit the defendant of the crime

secure a conviction/your acquittal

lodge/file an appeal

appeal (against)/challenge /uphold/overturn a conviction/verdict

*Sentencing and punishment*

pass sentence on sb

carry/face/serve a seven-year/life sentence

receive /be given the death penalty

be sentenced to ten years (in prison/jail)

carry/impose/pay a fine (of \$3 000)/a penalty (of 14 years imprisonment)

be imprisoned/jailed for drug possession/fraud/murder

do/serve time/ten years

be sent to/put sb in/be released from jail/prison

be/put sb/spend X years on death row

be granted/be denied /break (your) parole

more collocations at ↑crime

Example Bank:

- Several witnesses gave evidence for the defendant
- The defendant was charged with disturbing the peace.
- The defendant was convicted of murder.
- The defendant was sentenced to three years in prison.
- The jury found the defendant guilty on all counts.

- a defendant being sued by an insurance company
- a defendant in bankruptcy proceedings
- the plaintiff's claim against the defendant

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

de **fen** **dant** /dɪ'fendənt/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[*Word Family*: *noun*: DEFENCE/DEFENSE, ↑defendant, ↑defender, ↑defensiveness; *adjective*: DEFENCELESS/DEFENSELESS, ↑defensible ≠ ↑indefensible, ↑defensive; *adverb*: ↑defensibly ≠ ↑indefensibly, ↑defensively; *verb*: ↑defend]

the person in a court of law who has been ↑accused of doing something illegal ⇒ **plaintiff** **SYN** **prisoner** *American English*:

" We find the defendant not guilty.

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### THESAURUS

#### ■ In a court

- **defendant** the person who is on trial for a crime
- **the defence** *British English*, **the defense** *American English* the lawyers who are working for the defendant
- **the prosecution** the lawyers who are trying to prove that the defendant is guilty
- **judge** the official in charge of a court who decides how criminals should be punished
- **jury** a group of people, usually 12 people, who listen to the facts and decide whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty
- **witness** someone who describes in a court of law what he or she knows about a crime
- **testimony** a formal statement made in a court of law about a particular situation or action
- **verdict** the decision of the jury as to whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty

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12500 **1903**<sup>MCW</sup>

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RANGE: **6k** DEFENDANT <sup>9599</sup>

defendant <sup>5769</sup>

defendants <sup>3830</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2045 **6329**<sup>5742</sup> *nn1*

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