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1. Calvin is accused of writing several bad checks. When he appears before the judge, Calvin asks for help preparing his defense because he is too poor to afford a lawyer. The judge tells Calvin that he is sorry he is poor, but Calvin will just have to prepare his own case, without any help.

2. Marvin's boss dislikes the ideas of the Church of Every Day Salvation. Marvin tells a coworker that he belongs to the church, and soon after, Marvin's boss fires him because he belongs to the church.

3. A customer says that Betty cheated her out of \$2,000 at Betty's store. The customer then sues Betty. Because Betty believes the evidence will prove her innocent, she asks the judge for a jury trial. The judge says it would be a waste of time, and that he will settle the matter himself.

4. Juanita lives near a factory that puts foul-smelling smoke in the air. Juanita and her neighbors call a meeting at Juanita's house to discuss what they can do about the smoke. However, the police block the entrance to the home and tell people that they have no right to hold a meeting.

5. Bob writes a letter to the editor complaining about the way the government is treating convicts in federal prisons. Because of this letter, Bob is arrested and placed in jail himself.

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1. Mike is in his house watching television when two policemen knock at the door. They accuse Mike of having stolen property, enter the house, and take several things that they say do not belong to Mike. When he asks if the policemen have permission to take his things, they just laugh and leave with the property.

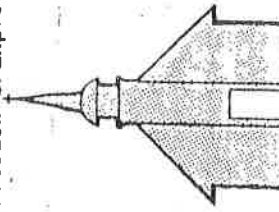
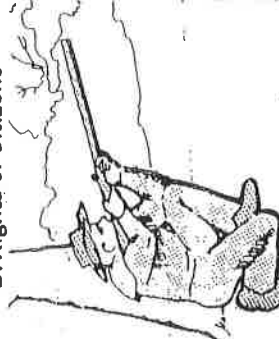
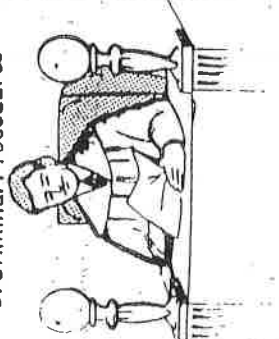
2. Brendan is accused of armed robbery and given a trial. The jury finds Brendan innocent. The next day the prosecutor decides that the verdict was not correct, and he orders Brendan arrested and tried for the crime again.

3. When Mary was arrested for shoplifting, she asked the judge to set bail so that she could be free while awaiting trial. The judge agreed, and set bail at one million dollars. Because Mary could not afford that amount, she remained in jail.

4. The city of Central had two newspapers. The *Central News* often printed articles in favor of the local mayor. The *Central Register*, however, was very critical of him. When the *Register* wrote that the mayor might not have the best interests of the city in mind, the mayor ordered the paper closed, and it went out of business.

5. The government lacked money to support the nation's military forces. To save money, General Pulp ordered that troops be placed in the homes of people living close to military bases. Midge lived next to an army base, and two soldiers moved into her house, even though she did not want them there.

A The Constitution was written to assure the people of the United States of their freedom. As it was originally written, there were no basic rights given to the people. Ten amendments were added in 1791 to list these rights. They are called the Bill of Rights. They can be broken down into three categories. Match each amendment with a category by writing the letter of the category in the blank next to the amendment.

<p>A. Freedom of Expression</p> 	<p>B. Rights of Citizens</p> 	<p>C. Criminal Procedures</p> 
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Amendment

- ___ 1st: freedom of religion, of speech, and of the press; right to assemble and petition peaceably
- ___ 2nd: right to keep and bear arms
- ___ 3rd: no keeping soldiers in private homes
- ___ 4th: no unreasonable searches or seizures of private homes
- ___ 5th: no double jeopardy; no self-incrimination, right to grand jury action, right to due process of law
- ___ 6th: speedy and public trial, right to get a lawyer, right to be informed of rights, right to an impartial jury
- ___ 7th: right to jury trial in civil cases of \$20.00 or more
- ___ 8th: no excessive bail or fine, no cruel or unusual punishment
- ___ 9th: rights other than those listed
- ___ 10th: power reserved to the states or the people

B Using the list of amendments above, write in the number of the amendment that guarantees a certain right for each of the situations below.

- ___ 1. Someone writes a letter to the editor of a paper criticizing corrupt governmental practices.
- ___ 2. A prisoner is beaten by his jailer, and he reports this action to the authorities.
- ___ 3. A man refuses to answer a question asked him in court.
- ___ 4. A person is fined \$600.00 for speeding, and his lawyer contests this amount.
- ___ 5. Several people gather in front of city hall to demonstrate about poor street maintenance.
- ___ 6. The Methodists, the Episcopalians, the Catholics, the Baptists, the Mormons, and the Jewish may all worship in their own buildings on their own days.
- ___ 7. An accused person is brought to trial two weeks after his arrest.
- ___ 8. An accused man cannot afford a lawyer, and the courts appoint him one.
- ___ 9. A hunter goes into a sporting store and purchases a shotgun.
- ___ 10. A man wins a court case in which he protested against the police's breaking into his car to search for something.