

Judicial Branch in a Flash

Name: _____

A. Complete the Sentence. Use the terms and ideas that you learned in this lesson to finish each statement.

1. The only court the Constitution creates is _____

2. The two court systems in the United States are _____

3. Two kinds of legal cases are _____

4. The job of the Court of Appeals is _____

5. It's difficult to take a case to the Supreme Court because _____

6. If you lose a case in the trial court, you can _____

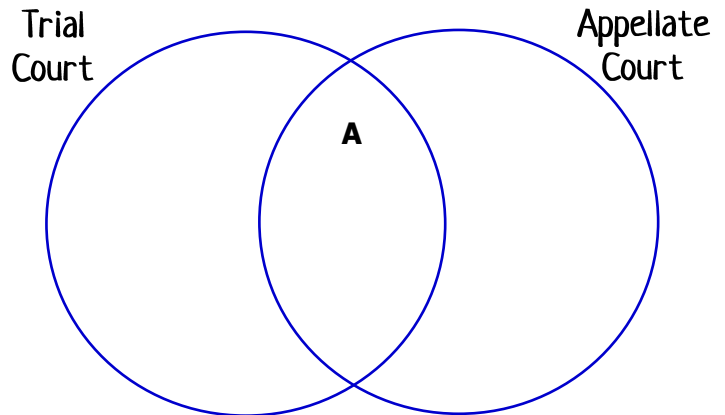
7. If an appellate court affirms a case, it means _____

8. If a law is unconstitutional, the Supreme Court can _____

9. Evidence is used for _____

10. A trial with no jury is called a _____

B. Making Comparisons. Decide whether each description fits trial courts only, appellate courts only, or both, and write the letter of the description in the correct part of the diagram. The first one is done for you.



- A. Hears civil cases
- B. Might have a jury trial
- C. Does not hear cases for the first time
- D. Hears criminal cases
- E. Reviews a verdict to look for mistakes
- F. Usually has three-judge panels
- G. Hears cases for the first time
- H. Works with laws

C. Order in the Court! Number each set of events to put the three events in the correct order.

_____ The Court of Appeals remands the case
_____ A new trial begins
_____ The first verdict is appealed

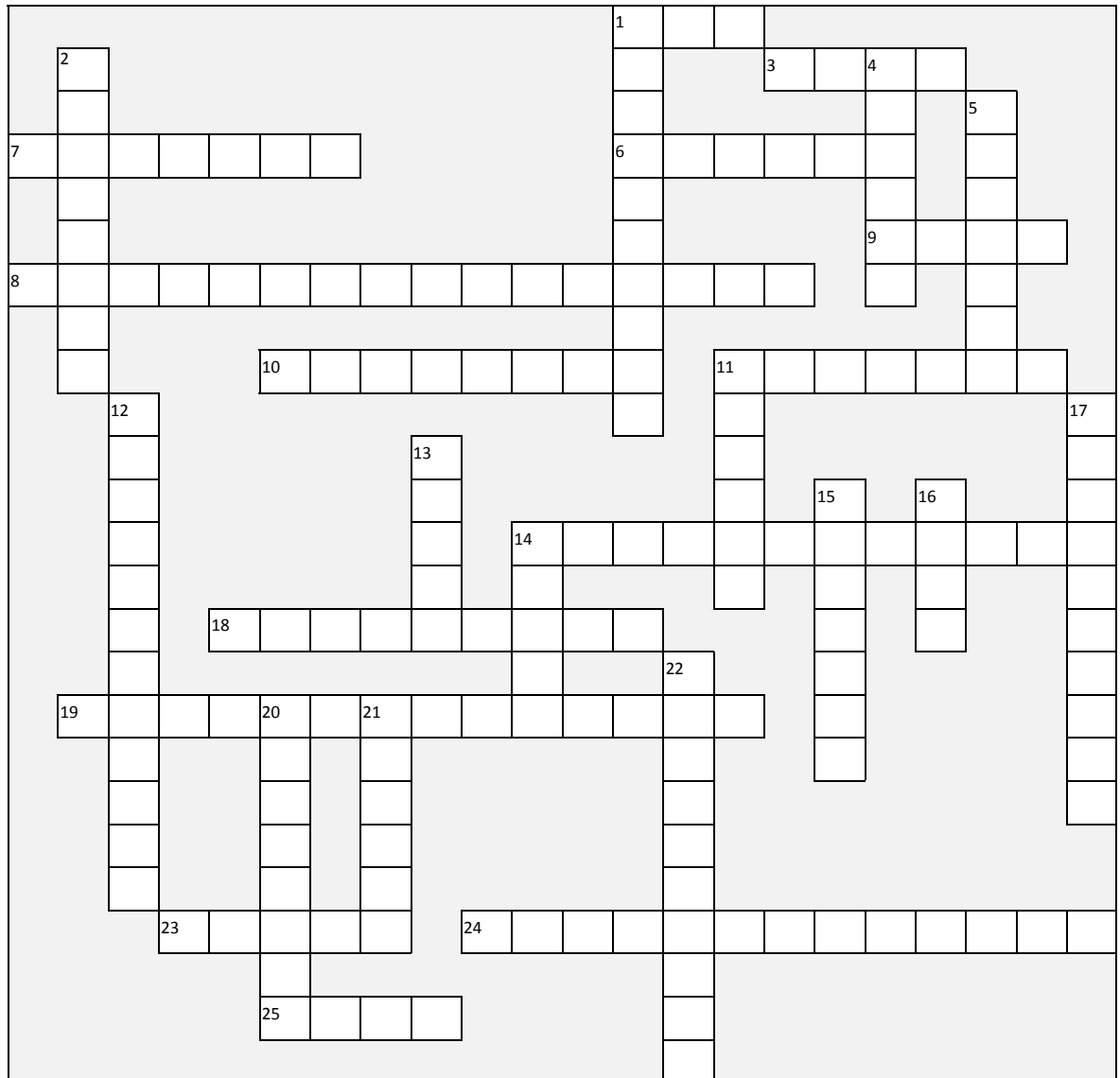
_____ Trial is held in the District Court
_____ The Supreme Court agrees to hear the case
_____ An appeal is made to the Court of Appeals

_____ Evidence is presented to the jury
_____ The members of the jury are chosen
_____ The jury returns a verdict

_____ The Supreme Court strikes down the law
_____ Supreme Court hears a case about the law
_____ Congress passes a law

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Across

1. Number of court systems in the U.S.
3. Group of people who decide a case after hearing the evidence
6. When an appellate court upholds a verdict
7. What appellate judges look for when they review a case
8. Something that goes against the Constitution
9. Number of justices on the Supreme Court
10. Taking a case through the court system is like an
11. When an appellate court rejects a verdict
14. This court gets to choose which cases to hear
18. Type of court that reviews the trial court's decision
19. The Supreme Court's power to decide what is constitutional
23. When there is more than one judge, the group of judges is called
24. The lowest court in the federal system
25. Choosing between the federal or state court system depends on the ____ involved in the case

Down

1. The first court to hear a case
2. People or things that can prove one side's version of what happened
4. When an appellate court sends a case back to the trial court
5. One kind of evidence
11. What an appellate court does with a case
12. The document that created the judicial branch
13. Type of case relating to peoples' rights
14. Court system that deals with state laws
15. Court system that deals with United States laws
16. What a judge wears
17. One kind of evidence
20. Type of case about someone accused of committing a crime
21. Asking an appellate court to review a case
22. Type of trial that has no jury