

**CHAPTER****2****Criminal Law****Legal Terms***Fill in the blank with the correct vocabulary term.***Answer**

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| 1. Appropriate punishment for a crime.  | 1. _____  |
| 2. Major crime punishable by imprisonment or death.   | 2. _____  |
| 3. Act against the public good.   | 3. _____  |
| 4. Breaking and entering of a dwelling at night to commit a felony.                             | 4. _____  |
| 5. Person who is accused of a crime.  | 5. _____  |
| 6. Unlawful killing of another human being with malice aforethought.                            | 6. _____  |
| 7. Party that accuses a person of a crime.  | 7. _____  |
| 8. Less serious crime with less severe penalty.   | 8. _____  |
| 9. Unlawful taking away and carrying away personal property of another accompanied by violence. | 9. _____  |
| 10. Attempt to commit a battery.  | 10. _____ |

**Key Points in Your Reading***Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false by circling T or F.***Answer**

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| 1. A citizen who levies war against the United States commits treason.   | 1. T    F  |
| 2. A felony is a minor crime.  | 2. T    F  |
| 3. The prosecution brings a criminal to court.   | 3. T    F  |
| 4. A crime is defined by the criminal act alone.   | 4. T    F  |
| 5. Motive plays an essential part in proving criminal liability.   | 5. T    F  |
| 6. Insanity is recognized as a valid legal defense.  | 6. T    F  |
| 7. The oldest test of insanity is the American Law Institute Test.   | 7. T    F  |
| 8. Entrapment is no longer recognized as a valid legal defense.  | 8. T    F  |
| 9. Defense of family members is recognized as a valid legal defense.   | 9. T    F  |
| 10. Each crime must have an exact definition.  | 10. T    F |
| 11. The killing of one human being by another is always known as murder.   | 11. T    F |
| 12. The definition of first degree murder is the same in all states.   | 12. T    F |
| 13. Involuntary manslaughter occurs when someone while committing an unlawful or reckless act kills another unintentionally. | 13. T    F |
| 14. Giving anything of value to public officials to influence their official activity is bribery.                            | 14. T    F |
| 15. Fines are used to punish offenders when their crime is considered a lesser offense.                                      | 15. T    F |
| 16. Good behavior is not a factor if a criminal was sentenced under a statute requiring a definite sentence.                 | 16. T    F |

# You're the Judge

For each of the following cases, circle Yes or No, to indicate your decision. Then, in your own words, state the legal principle or legal reason that applies to the facts in the case.

Answer

1. Doris Alexander was arrested for aggravated assault after she allegedly attacked a stranger in the park. She argues that prosecution will be unable to convict her because she had no motive for the attack. Is she correct?

1. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Fred Mandrake returned to his apartment one evening to find his son being attacked in the kitchen. Fred hit and severely injured his son's attacker. Does Fred have a valid legal defense?

2. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. While driving an automobile 85 miles per hour in a zone in which the speed limit was 65 miles per hour, Terri Charlton accidentally struck and killed a child. Has she committed second-degree murder?

3. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Doreen Levesque, while shopping at a local store, took an item of merchandise from the counter and intentionally walked out without paying for it. Has she committed robbery?

4. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Sylvia Rich found an old, unsigned, unwitnessed will that her aunt had written. Sylvia signed her aunt's name on the will. Did Sylvia commit forgery?

5. Yes No

Legal Principle: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Legal Application

Franz Mattheuer is running for the House of Representatives in your state legislature. As part of his campaign he has promised to introduce legislation that will reform the sentencing procedures in your state. On a separate sheet of paper write a letter to Mr. Mattheuer in which you explain your ideas for reforming your state's sentencing procedures.