#### verdict ['v3:dikt] n

### 1. юр. вердикт, решение присяжных

open verdict - a) вердикт присяжных, которым устанавливается факт совершения преступления, но не установлен преступник; б) вердикт присяжных, которым устанавливается причина смерти, но не указывается, является ли она естественной, случайной, самоубийством *или* убийством

verdict of acquittal - оправдание подсудимого вердиктом присяжных

to bring in /to return/ a verdict of guilty [not guilty] - вынести вердикт о виновности [невиновности]

### 2. суждение, заключение, мнение; решение

the popular verdict - мнение общественности

the doctor has not yet given his verdict - доктор ещё не дал заключения /не высказал мнения/ (о судьбе больного)

### verdict

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

1. a decision that is made by a <sup>†</sup>jury in court, stating if sb is considered guilty of a crime or not

- Has the jury reached a verdict ?
- The jury returned a verdict (= gave a <sup>1</sup>verdict ) of guilty.

ver·dict [verdict verdicts] BrE ['v3 d]kt NAmE ['v3 rd]kt noun

### see also †majority verdict, †open verdict

- 2. ~ (on sth/sb) a decision that you make or an opinion that you give about sth, after you have tested it or considered it carefully
- The coroner **recorded a verdict** of accidental death.
- The panel will give their verdict on the latest video releases.
- Well, what's your verdict?

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French verdit, from Old French veir 'true' (from Latin verus) + dit (from Latin dictum 'saying').

### 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 box take/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 <sup>†</sup>crime

### Example Bank:

- His family always insisted that the original 'guilty' verdict should be overturned
- In the case of an adverse verdict, the company could lose millions.
- The judge sent the jury away to consider its verdict.
- The jury returned a formal verdict after direction by the judge.
- The jury returned a verdict of guilty at the end of the trial.
- The jury's verdict was unanimous.
- The panel will give its final verdict tomorrow.
- The unanimous verdict was that the picnic had been a great success.
- The verdict came in this afternoon.
- The verdict was delivered in front of a packed courtroom.
- The verdict was upheld at appeal.
- They reached a verdict after hours of deliberation.
- We believe that the verdict against him was unfair.
- What's your verdict on her new book?
- a unanimous verdict of not guilty
- Has the jury reached a verdict?
- The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

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### ver ldict /'v3 ld l段 'v3 lf-BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Anglo-French, Origin: Old French ver 'true' + dit 'saying, judgment']

- 1. an official decision made in a court of law, especially about whether someone is guilty of a crime or how a death happened:
- The verdict was 'not guilty'.
- 2. an official decision made by a person or group with authority:
  - The players anxiously awaited the verdict of the umpire.
- **3**. someone's opinion about something:

The audience's <u>final verdict</u> was encouraging.

### verdict on

What's your verdict on the movie?

### give (somebody) your verdict (on something)

Trade unionists were quick to give their verdict on the proposals.

### COLLOCATIONS

### verbs

• reach/arrive at a verdict (=agree on a decision) The jury failed to reach a verdict.

• return/give/announce/deliver a verdict (=officially say what a verdict is) The inquest jury returned a verdict of 'unlawful killing'.

record a verdict (=make it and write it in an official record) The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death on all four victims.

- consider your verdict (=think about what it should be) The jury retired to consider their verdict.
- overturn a verdict (=officially say that it was wrong) He was convicted of spying, but the verdict was later overturned.
- uphold a verdict (=officially say that it was right) This verdict was upheld at appeal.

### ADJECTIVES/NOUN + verdict

- a unanimous verdict (=when the whole jury agrees) The jury found him guilty by a unanimous verdict.
- a majority verdict British English (=when most of the jury agrees) They were finding it difficult to reach a majority verdict.
  a guilty/not guilty verdict The jury returned a unanimous guilty verdict.
- an open verdict *British English* (=stating that the facts about someone's death are not known) The inquest jury recorded an open verdict because of conflicting evidence.

### phrases

a verdict of guilty/not guilty The jury took only twenty minutes to return a verdict of guilty.

## 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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