

UNIT TEN

JURIS

Latin IUS, IURIS, "law"

JURISPRUDENCE (jōōr is prōō' dāns) *n.* Study or science of law
 L. juris, "law," + prudentia, "knowledge" = *knowledge of law*
 Carol's understanding of *jurisprudence* was valuable when I was writing a book on the legal system.

JURISDICTION (jōōr is dik' shān) *n.* Area of influence
 Although the tax official lives in Chester County, cases from all over the state fall within his *jurisdiction*.

PERJURE (per' jər) *v.* To lie under oath
 L. per, "wrong," + juris = *to wrong the law*
 Though Janice argued that she had given the court wrong information by accident, the defense attorney said she had *perjured* herself.

PUN

Latin PUNIRE, PUNITUM, "to punish"
 POENA, "punishment, penalty"

IMPUNITY (im pū' nā tē) *n.* Freedom from punishment
 L. in, "not," + punire = *not punished*
 Because the store owner was almost blind, Kelly stole candy with *impunity*.

PUNITIVE (pū' nā tiv) *adj.* Intended to punish; penalizing
 The *punitive* fine I received for speeding convinced me never to go above seventy miles an hour again.

SUBPOENA (sub pē' nā) *n.* A legal document summoning someone to court
 L. sub, "beneath," + poena = *under penalty (of law)*
 Though Keith received a *subpoena* in the mail, he refused to appear in court.

III Jurisdiction is the right to speak (diction) the law (juris) in a particular area.

LITI

Latin LITIGARE, LITIGATUM, "to press a lawsuit"

LITIGATION (lit ə gā' shən) *n.* The process of a lawsuit

Roger was told that unless he paid his bill immediately, the company would begin *litigation* against him.

LITIGANT (lit' ə gənt) *n.* Someone involved in a lawsuit

As one of several *litigants* in a case against a major car company, Anne had to give testimony about the accident she had been in.

NOM, NEM

Greek NOMOS, "law, custom, share"

NEMEIN, "to measure out"

AUTONOMOUS (aw ton' ə məs) *adj.* Self-governing; independent

G. autos, "self," + nomos = *self-law*

Starting next year, the territory will become an *autonomous* nation, complete with its own government, laws, and army.

NEMESIS (nem' ə səs) *n.* Something causing pain or harm; enemy

Tim secretly hoped that Lily, his *nemesis*, would eventually become his best friend.

DIC

Greek DIKE, "justice"

SYNDICATE (sin' də kit) *n.* A gathering of people with a common interest

G. syn, "together," + dike = *justice together*

In order to have more power in their fight against the company, union members formed a *syndicate*.



CINDY and KATE combined their lemonade stands into a SYNDICATE.

III The Greek goddess

Nemesis was said to measure out vengeance or justice against individuals. In modern English, however, a *nemesis* is simply an enemy.

Unit 10
Vocabulary

Directions: Fill in the blank with the best word from the word bank.

Word Bank	autonomous	impunity
jurisdiction	jurisprudence	litigants
litigation	nemesis	perjure
punitive	subpoena	syndicate

- 1) I did not expect my old high school _____ to appear at my party, since we still did not get along.
- 2) The speed at which Warren drives indicates that he feels he has _____ from the police.
- 3) Although the smoking ban seems _____ to some, it was actually designed to help us all.
- 4) In a class action lawsuit, there can be dozens or even hundreds of _____.
- 5) The partners split up their company, with each setting u a(n) _____ bank account.
- 6) The powerful _____ of film directors had total control over every movie released by the media.
- 7) Justin's years of studying _____ made him an ideal candidate for district judge.
- 8) For ignoring the _____, Katie and I were charged with contempt of court.
- 9) The governor reminded everyone that a sheriff's _____ did not extend beyond the boundary of the county.
- 10) The person injured in the car accident started _____ against the other driver.
- 11) Though Milla knew she would _____ herself, she decided she would lie about where she had been the night of the accident.

Directions: Choose the set of words that best completes the sentence.

- 12) While some members of the food _____ wished to pursue _____ against the company, most group managers wished for a quiet settlement of the dispute.
 - a) autonomous; subpoena
 - b) syndicate; litigation
 - c) syndicate; impunity
 - d) nemesis; litigant

- 13) The lawyer warned his client that severe _____ action would be taken against her if she _____ herself on the stand.
- litigation; syndicated
 - autonomous; litigated
 - punitive; perjured
 - autonomous; syndicated
- 14) Even though the country became legally _____ after it won independence, certain crimes committed there fell under the _____ of the previous ruler's court.
- autonomous; jurisdiction
 - punitive; jurisprudence
 - litigated; subpoena
 - punitive; jurisdiction
- 15) As the main _____ in a civil case, I was able to issue a(n) _____ to several witnesses who would back up my story.
- nemesis; impunity
 - litigation; autonomous
 - jurisprudence; impunity
 - litigant; subpoena
- 16) Though Bessie was Arnold's _____, and he longed to make a fool of her, he knew that he could not tease her with _____ because of her temper.
- litigant; nemesis
 - jurisprudence; subpoena
 - nemesis; impunity
 - impunity; litigant

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

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| 17) _____ perjure | a) someone involved in a lawsuit |
| 18) _____ autonomous | b) a gathering of people with a common interest |
| 19) _____ subpoena | c) the process of a lawsuit |
| 20) _____ jurisdiction | d) a legal document summoning someone to court |
| 21) _____ litigant | e) freedom from punishment |
| 22) _____ litigation | f) to lie under oath |
| 23) _____ nemesis | g) something causing pain or harm; enemy |
| 24) _____ syndicate | h) area of influence |
| 25) _____ impunity | i) study or science of law |
| 26) _____ jurisprudence | j) intended to punish; penalizing |
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