

## I'LL BE THE JUDGE OF THAT

**arbiter**     AHR bih ter

*a judge who decides a disputed issue*

An arbiter was hired to settle the Major League Baseball strike because the owners and players could not come to an agreement.

**biased**     BYE ist

*prejudiced*

Judges should not be biased but should rather weigh the evidence fairly before making up their minds.

**exculpate**     EKS kul payt

*to free from guilt or blame*

When the gold coins discovered in his closet were found to be fake, Dr. Rideau was exculpated and the search for the real thief continued.

**impartial**     im PAR shul

*not in favor of one side or the other, unbiased*

The umpire had a hard time remaining impartial; his son was pitching for the home team, and this made it difficult to call the game fairly.

**incontrovertible**     in kon truh VERT uh bul

*not able to be denied or disputed*

The videotape of the robbery provided incontrovertible evidence against the suspect—he was obviously guilty.

**integrity**     in TEG rit ee

*trustworthiness; completeness*

The integrity of the witness was called into question when her dislike for the defendant was revealed—some jurors suspected that she was not being entirely truthful.

**objectivity**     ahb jek TIV ih tee

*treating facts without influence from personal feelings or prejudices*

It is important that judges hear all cases with objectivity, so that their personal feelings do not affect their decision.

**penitent**     PEN ih tunt

*expressing remorse for one's misdeeds*

His desire to make amends to the people he had wronged indicated that he was truly penitent, so the parole board let him out of the penitentiary.

**plausible**     PLAWZ ih bul

*seemingly valid or acceptable; credible*

Keith's excuse that he missed school yesterday because he was captured by space aliens was not very plausible.

**substantiated**      sub STAN shee ay tid  
*supported with proof or evidence; verified*

The fingerprint evidence substantiated the detective's claim that the suspect had been at the scene of the crime.

**vindicated**      VIN duh kayt id  
*freed from blame*

Mrs. Layton was finally vindicated after her husband admitted to the crime.

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