

The Bill of Rights
Amendments 1 - 10

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Directions: For each of the following *hypothetical* situations list the number of the amendment in the Bill of Rights that has been violated. Assume that all the situations ARE VIOLATIONS!

1. _____ Rodney is a member of an unusual religious group with some very different beliefs. When he attempts to enlist in the army, the recruiting officers refuse to accept his application because they do not want members of this group in the army.
2. _____ When Sandra is on trial for murder, her defense lawyers find out that the district attorney never got an indictment from the Grand Jury saying that there was enough evidence for a trial to be held.
3. _____ Henry is ticketed for driving 10 miles-an-hour over the speed limit. When he goes to the courthouse to pay for his ticket he is told that the fine will be \$9000.00 !
4. _____ Jessica goes on trial for attempting to steal a car. When a statement that she made to the arresting officer is entered as evidence, her defense lawyer proves that no officer ever read her basic Constitutional rights to her when she was arrested.
5. _____ Salvador is arrested when traffic patrol officers find an illegal type of gun in the trunk of his car. He never gave them permission to look in the trunk and they never produced a search warrant to look in the trunk.
6. _____ Helen's lawyer wants the judge to force a boyfriend of Helen's to come to court to testify that Helen was never at the scene of a crime that she is accused of committing. The judge replies that if Helen's friend wants to come to court he can, and if he doesn't, then the trial will have to proceed without him.
7. _____ When the police arrive at Lawrence's house they have a search warrant and they begin looking for evidence that he is a drug dealer. As they search, they find a gun that is legally registered to Lawrence, and is a legal firearm. Even though he has no criminal record and they find no evidence of drug dealing; they take the gun away because they say that they do not trust him with it.
8. _____ Jason is captured trying to run away from a CYA detention center ranch that he was serving time at. When he comes before the judge for sentencing, the judge orders that his foot be cut off so that he will not attempt to escape again.
9. _____ Freddy is being questioned by the police in the city jail about where he was when a robbery had taken place. Freddy says he wants a lawyer to tell him what he should say and what he shouldn't say; but the police tell him he isn't on trial yet and that he can't have a lawyer until such time as he is on trial.
10. _____ Congress attempts to pass a law that says- starting in 1995 only the federal government will be able to issue drivers licenses for all people who operate cars in the United States.

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11. — Sylvester is suing his surgeon because he claims that the doctor failed his eyes during a plastic surgery procedure. Sylvester wants a jury to hear his 1 million dollar malpractice suit against the surgeon. - The judge says that he will decide the outcome of the lawsuit himself, because using a jury would take too long.
12. — Clarissa was tried in court for armed robbery and the jury that heard the case voted that she was not guilty. Later the district attorney found the gun that had been used in the robbery in Clarrisa's apartment and arrested her again for the same robbery on exactly the same charges that she had been tried on the first time.
13. — Pauline believes that the government is wrong to be involved in aiding a foreign country in a war that the country is involved in. Every weekend she stands on a street corner in the park and speaks against the government's policy. When the president of the foreign country comes to town on a visit, Pauline is told that she cannot speak in the park that weekend because it might embarrass the government.
14. — The judge at Rueben's trial insists that Rueben answer the prosecuting attorney's questions about where he had been at the time a drive-by shooting had occurred. Rueben says that he would rather not answer, but the judge says that he will have to go to jail for contempt of court if he does not answer the question.
15. — Cynthia and a few of her friends are having a quiet meeting in her home to plan a drive to register voters for the upcoming election. Suddenly, the police arrive and tell her friends that they will have to leave because the mayor thinks that they might be trying to get voters to vote against him.
16. — Omar, a Muslim (religion) fundamentalist is accused of bombing a Jewish synagogue (church). He is convicted and sentenced to prison. But, later it is found that all twelve members of the jury were Jews.
17. — Luwanda was the owner of the last piece of property that the state needed to buy in order to finish a section of freeway. Luwanda tried for years to avoid selling her property to the government and when she lost her lawsuit, the state agents only paid her about half of what they had paid other property owners for their identical pieces of property. They said that this would "teach her a lesson".
18. — Stanley was accused of committing a gruesome murder in his small hometown. When he was taken to court for a reading of the charges against him, the judge told him he was going to be tried in a nearby city, because his hometown could not afford to put on a large, expensive trial.
19. — Greta ran a small boarding house in a tiny fishing village. When the government began building a secret missile launching facility nearby, they said that Greta would have to get rid of her six boarders and feed and house six soldiers who would be guarding the building site.
20. — When Gerald began printing a series articles in his weekly business newsletter about their state senator's possible involvement in a bank scandal the Senator became very angry. He managed to get government agents to go to Gerald's printing shop and threaten to destroy his printing equipment if he printed any more of the articles!