

- 1 Opowiadanie, które za chwilę przeczytasz, zawiera poniższe słowa. Sprawdź znaczenie tych z nich, których nie znasz. Następnie w parach przedyskutujcie, jaka może być treść tekstu.

judge an empty courtroom criminals  
clever burglars drunk drivers an orphanage  
forgiveness trust

#### Zadanie maturalne

- 2 Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto trzy zdania. Wstaw zdania A–E w luki 1–3, tak aby otrzymać spójny i logiczny tekst. Dwa zdania zostały podane dodatkowo i nie pasują do żadnej luki.

- A But it was all thanks to an act of forgiveness when he was a child.  
B Later, she called the police and they arrested Jamés.  
C The trial was due to begin in less than one hour.  
D Then, in front of all the children, she gave James the key.  
E There were so many things he wished he could do.

- 3 W parach odpowiedzcie na pytanie.

Do you agree with the statement 'If we trust people, we can make them better'? Give reasons and examples to support your opinion.

- 4 Uzupełnij zdania słowami utworzonymi od wyrazów w nawiasach.

- 1 It turned out that the defendant had been \_\_\_\_\_ (FALSE) accused.  
2 There's no point in asking him to be understanding; he's totally \_\_\_\_\_ (HEART).  
3 I'd like our society to be built on the principles of equality, tolerance and \_\_\_\_\_ (FAIR).  
4 The young man was \_\_\_\_\_ (BRUTAL) attacked by members of a street gang.  
5 The undercover work of a \_\_\_\_\_ (FEAR) police agent has resulted in the arrest of the gang leader.  
6 I don't believe in the \_\_\_\_\_ (EFFECTIVE) of prison.

- 5 W parach wykonajcie zadanie.

What punishment is appropriate for these people?

- 1 A man who murdered his wife because she was having an affair with another man.  
2 Someone who's been driving thirty kilometres per hour above the speed limit through a village.  
3 A rich businessman who has been cheating the government in order to avoid paying taxes.  
4 A professional car thief.  
5 A poor person who stole some food.  
6 Young people who damaged the benches in a public park while drunk.

- life imprisonment
- prison sentence (long or short?)
- fine (large or small?)
- community service (what sort of work?)
- no punishment

## TRUST IS THE KEY

Judge James Robertson looked sadly around the empty courtroom. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ And when it ended, he would retire.

He remembered every verdict he had ever announced, every innocent person who had stood before him falsely accused of a crime and every criminal he had sentenced: the clever burglars, the heartless blackmailers and the businessmen guilty of fraud; the violent robbers, the rapists and the murderers. He even remembered the everyday shoplifters, vandals and drunk drivers.

The judge was famed for his fairness. He had had a long and successful career. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ He knew that, if not for that, today he might be a criminal, not a judge; he might even be in prison.

James had been brought up in an orphanage. When he was eight years old, he started stealing food from the kitchen. Everyone knew he was the thief. The adults at the orphanage talked to him, but he continued to steal. So the principal put a lock on the cupboard. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ He never stole again and he learnt a lesson he would never forget: If we trust people, we can make them better.

