

Furious Riding

Characters:

Judge Nui
Bailiff
Court Clerk
Maile
Koa

The whole class will participate in a group discussion after the trial has been performed.

Bailiff

(knocks gavel two times)

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The court of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i is now in session. All rise!

Judge

(enters, sits down)

Bailiff

The Honorable Judge Nui. This court is now in session.

Judge

Be seated. Call the first case.

Bailiff

Maile is the plaintiff. Maile accused Koa of a crime. Koa is the defendant.

Judge

What is the charge?

Maile

I accuse Koa of furious riding.

Judge

You accuse him of riding his horse too fast?

Maile

Yes.

Koa

I did not!

Judge

(hits the gavel) Koa, you must be quiet. It is not your turn to speak. Maile, you will come to the witness stand first.

(Maile goes to the witness stand)

Court Clerk

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

Maile

Yes

Judge

Did you see Koa ride fast?

Maile

Yes. I saw him ride very fast! I live near Printer's Lane where there are many houses. He raced past our house on his horse. It was very dangerous.

Judge

Thank you, Maile, you may sit down.

(Maile goes back)

Judge

Koa, you must come to the stand.

(Koa goes to the witness stand)

Court Clerk

Do you promise to tell the truth when you are asked a question?

Koa

Yes

Judge

Koa, did you ride fast?

Koa

The horse ran fast. I could not stop it. It was not my fault.

Maile

I saw him! I saw him make the horse go fast! I saw him hit the horse with a stick!

Judge

(hits the gavel) Maile, you must be quiet. It is Koa's turn to speak. Koa, you promised to tell the truth. Did you ride fast on purpose?

Koa

Yes. I rode fast. I hit the horse with a stick.

Judge

Thank you, Koa. You may sit down.

(Koa goes back)

Judge

Here is what I have decided. Koa, you are guilty of furious riding which is a very dangerous thing to do. You will have to pay a fine, but because you admitted the truth you will only have to pay \$5.00. You must also promise not do this again.

Bailiff

(Hits the gavel) This court is now adjourned.