**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Jurisdiction and Venue**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary

jurisdiction: the official power to make legal decisions and judgments.  
transitory: not permanent.  
venue: locationforeclosing: take possession of a property because the renters fails to keep up their payments  
statue: law  
  
  
  
1.   A court cannot decide on a case unless it has: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
2.There are two ways in which a court can have jurisdiction over a case.  What are they?  
3.What do we call actions brought to court anywhere the defendant can be found?  
4.Where are "local" cases brought to trial?  
5.How is venue determined?  
6.Under what two circumstances can the venue of a trial be changed?