**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Verdicts and Motions After the Verdict**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary  
  
***reconvene:*** returning to the courtroom  
***damages****:* amount of money awarded to the party that suffered  
***counterclaim****:* a claim made by the other party to offset the first claim  
***polled:***asked  
***sufficiency:*** an adequate amount of something,  
***notwithstanding*:** in spite of  
***equivalent****:* equal to  
***filing an appeal:***beginning the process which leads to an new trial  
  
   
  
1.  What role does the bailiff have in the jury's final decision?   
2.  If the jury finds for the plaintiff, how is it decided how much money the defendant receives?  
3.  Who makes decisions about counterclaims?  
4.  Why would a lawyer ask for the jury to be polled?  
5.  What are the three "motions" permitted after the verdict and what does each do?