**How Courts Work  
Steps in a Trial**

**Pre-Trial Procedures in Criminal Cases**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary

***variations****: differences****severity****: how harsh****elaborate:****complicated****felonies:****major crimes****penitentiary:****jail****misdemeanors:****minor infractions and crimes****intoxicated:*** *drunk****incarceration:*** *jailed*

1.  Why would some pre-trial procedures be more elaborate than others?  
2.  What are 4 examples of felonies?

3.  What types of punishments are frequent for those convicted of felonies ?  
4.  What are 3 examples of misdemeanors?



5.  What are typical punishments for misdemeanors?  
6.  What types of crimes are punishable (usually) by fines?   
7.  What are three examples of "petty" misdemeanors?