The Runaway Jury

While reading

Introduction

1 Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.
   a John Grisham’s father encouraged him to read lots of books.
   ………………………………………………………
   ………………………………………………………
   b Grisham’s first movie (based on one of his stories) was The Runaway Jury.
   ………………………………………………………
   ………………………………………………………
   c Grisham usually takes about six years to write each book.
   ………………………………………………………
   ………………………………………………………

Chapters 1–3

2 Choose the right answer. Write 1 or 2.
   a The Big Four put together their money to fight the Wood case because they …..
      1) want tobacco companies to win their cases.
      2) know Pynex does not have much money.
   b As lawyer for the plaintiff, Wendall Rohr wants to win the case because he …..
      1) has a strong personal feeling against tobacco companies and smoking.
      2) wants a successful law career fighting against tobacco companies.
   c Nicholas Easter writes his answers carefully on the juror form because he wants to …..
      1) give honest answers.
      2) be the type of person that lawyers would choose for a juror.
   d The other jurors listen to Nicholas because he …..
      1) is foreman of the jury.
      2) seems to understand what is happening in court.

3 Write the correct numbers in the blanks.
   a The CEOs from ….. corporations put together their money to fight cases against tobacco companies.
   b Jacob Wood was ….. years old when he died. He had smoked cigarettes for almost ….. years.
   c There are ….. possible jurors for this case.
   d Only ….. people are selected for the jury, with ….. more chosen as extra jurors.
   e Nicholas Easter is selected as the …..th juror.

Chapters 4–6

4 Match the letters with the numbers below to make complete sentences.
   a Marlee tells Fitch about one of the jurors. She says …..
      1) they swear the Pledge of Allegiance in court.
      2) he is concerned about the break-in at Nicholas’s apartment.
      3) he realizes that Nicholas Easter is the same person as David Lancaster.
      4) there might not be any other black people there.
      5) he will wear a light blue shirt, faded jeans and running shoes.
      6) he thinks he can make a lot of money.
   b Nicholas suggests to the jury that …..
   c Lonnie is nervous about going to the golf club because …..
   d The judge decides the jurors will need to stay in the motel throughout the trial because …..
   e Hoppy agrees to the Stillwater Bay deal because …..
   f Fitch studies the file from the Cimmino case because …..

5 Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.
   a Marlee’s third call on Friday morning is to Fitch.
      ………………………………………………………
   b Taunton explains to Lonnie that if the plaintiff wins, the tobacco companies would make huge profits.
      ………………………………………………………
   c Nicholas tells the judge that Fitch is trying to influence people on the jury.
      ………………………………………………………
   d Moke wants to be the consultant in the project with Hoppy Dupree.
      ………………………………………………………

Chapters 7–9

6 Who said these things? Who were they talking to?
   a “No please, not here. My office, please.”
      ………………………………………………………
b “What was the purpose of your meeting with Jimmy Hull Moke?”
…………………… to ……………………
c “They’ll tell you that cigarettes aren’t addictive and they know it’s a lie.”
…………………… to ……………………
d “How old were you when you started smoking?”
…………………… to ……………………
e “We could rent a big boat and go fishing.”
…………………… to ……………………
f “What are the chances of meeting without your goons hiding behind the bushes?”
…………………… to ……………………

Choose the right word in italics.

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a The Hoppy scam would cost The Fund about eighty thousand / eight hundred thousand dollars.
b Robilio had worked for the tobacco company / government for 20 years.
c According to Robilio, about 3,000 children start smoking every day / week in the United States.
d Rohr presented ten / thirteen witnesses to the jury.
e Marlee wants Fitch to pay her before / after the jurors have delivered their verdict.

Chapters 10–12

8 Choose the correct names to complete the sentences.
Hoppy Millie Jankle Derrick Fitch Nicholas Rohr Marlee

a ………………… tells the court that the tobacco companies offer lots of choices.
b ………………… wants more money to get other jurors to vote for the plaintiff.
c ………………… is not happy to see the report about Leon Robilio.
d ………………… puts a business magazine under Colonel Herrera’s bed.
e ………………… worries that they might have to have the trial again if they lose a juror.
f ………………… does a lot of research and finds out that the threats against Hoppy are a scam.
g ………………… is worried that he could go to jail because of his actions.
h ………………… is angry when he hears the FBI have talked to his men.

9 Underline YES or NO.

a Does the defense plan to call on lots of witnesses? YES NO
b Does the judge believe Nicholas when he says that he saw Colonel Herrera reading a business magazine? YES NO
c Does Beverly Monk refuse to talk with Swanson about Claire Clement? YES NO
d Does Fitch give Marlee some money so she can bribe a few of the jurors? YES NO

Chapters 13–15

10 Put these events in the correct order (1–8).

a Nicholas puts something into Herman’s coffee.
b The jury gives its verdict in favor of the plaintiff (Wood).
c Marlee begins to sell shares in the tobacco companies.
d Fitch deposits money into Marlee’s bank account.
e Millie decides to stay on the jury.
f Fitch finds out about Marlee’s past.
g Rohr and Cable give their closing speeches.
h Nicholas becomes the new jury foreman.

11 Write the correct numbers.

a Derrick gets ………. thousand dollars from Cleve.
b Nicholas puts ………. tablets in Herman’s drink.
c Rohr says that the Pynex company has ………. million dollars in cash.
d Marlee receives ………. million dollars from Fitch in her bank account.
e Angel started smoking when she was ………. years old.
f ………. out of 12 jurors vote for the plaintiff.
g The jurors decide Pynex should give the plaintiff ………. million dollars in punitive damages.
h Marlee makes over ………. million dollars in one day by trading the Pynex shares.

After reading

12 Write: Think about a character in the story that you thought was interesting. What did the person do in this story and why? Do you think that person did the right thing? Why or why not?
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Chapters 1–3
1. Put these events in the correct order (1–7).
   a. The judge begins the jury selection.
   b. Durwood Cable, the lawyer for the tobacco company, talks to possible jurors.
   c. Fitch discusses the case with the men in charge of The Big Four.
   d. Rohr and Cable decide on the twelve jurors for the case.
   e. Possible jurors meet in the courtroom.
   f. Wendall Rohr, the lawyer for the plaintiff, introduces Celeste Wood to the court and begins to question possible jurors.
   g. Nicholas Easter carefully answers the questions on his jury selection form.

Chapters 4–6
2. Underline YES or NO.
   a. Did the lawyers say the Pledge of Allegiance with the jury in court? YES NO
   b. Did Taunton tell Lonnie he should vote against the tobacco company? YES NO
   c. Did Rohr and his team make a plan about how to deal with Marlee? YES NO
   d. Did the Pynex share price rise and fall because of stories involving the jurors? YES NO
   e. Did Fitch learn a lot about Marlee from their meeting at St. Regis Hotel? YES NO
   f. Was Jimmy Hull Moke an honest politician? YES NO
   g. Was Lonnie happy with the deal that SuperHouse was offering him? YES NO

Chapters 7–9
3. Fill in the missing words from this summary.
   tobacco bribe document scam prison lawsuits plaintiff verdict
   Two men tell Hoppy he could go to prison for trying to (a) _______________ a government official. The men are actually involved in a (b) _______________ to get Hoppy to influence his wife's vote as a juror. They tell Hoppy he will not need to go to (c) _______________ if he can get his wife to vote for the (d) _______________ companies and against the (e) _______________ in the trial. They say this (f) _______________ will stop more (g) _______________ against the companies. Hoppy is given a (h) _______________ about Robilio that he should give his wife.

Chapters 10–12
4. Choose the right word in italics.
   a. Fitch was not happy that Jankle spoke about the cost / abuse of cigarettes in his testimony.
   b. Marlee demands that money from Fitch should go to her bank before / after the jury discusses the verdict.
   c. In court, Judge Harkin is worried about the jury because they seem bored / angry.
   d. Fitch and Cable agree that the defense should have lots of / just a few witnesses.
   e. Fitch feels happy / upset when he first hears that Colonel Herrera will leave the jury.
   f. Marlee surprises Fitch when she talks about money because she knows about The Big Four / The Fund.
   g. Fitch thinks that Millie will vote for the plaintiff / tobacco companies after he hears about Hoppy's visit from the FBI.

Chapters 13–15
5. Who said these things? Who were they talking to?
   a. “You’ve paid your money, you’ve got the best, now relax and wait for your verdict.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   b. “Of course, nothing is guaranteed. You never know until the jury comes back.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   c. “We’ve been chosen to decide this case. It’s our responsibility to reach a verdict.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   d. “Find that girl!”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   e. “Let’s keep united folks. It’s really important that we walk out of here voting the same way.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   f. “Nobody can force you to smoke, but if you do, you’ll suffer the consequences.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   g. “Not a bad morning, Ms. MacRoland. You’ve made over eight million dollars, less fees.”
      __________________________ to __________________________
   h. “An amazing idea.”
      __________________________ to __________________________