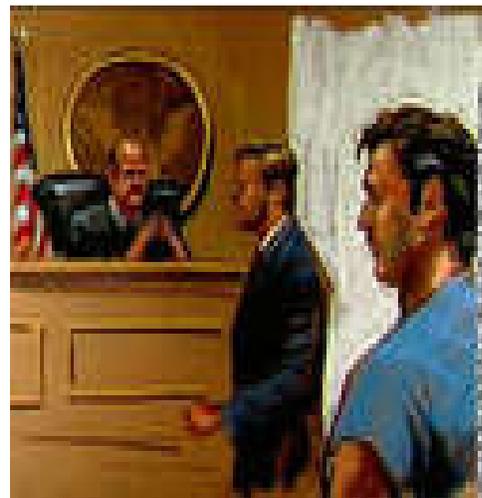


## COMPREHENSION

What was Robert Downey's offense?

1. Why was he sentenced to treatment instead of prison time?
2. What was the new law that has taken effect on that day?
3. What were the uncertainties concerning the newly-imposed law?
4. What were the qualifications of an offender so as for them to be sentenced to treatment?



## REMEMBERING DETAILS

Indicate whether or not the following ideas are true. If the sentence is not true, correct its idea.

1. Robert Downey has committed crimes other than using prohibited drugs.
2. He was charged to undergo treatment for the offense of possessing illegal weapon.
3. After the offender has sentenced to treatment, he will stay at the treatment center for 5 years.
4. The finances (how much to spend for the project) and the number of clients for the treatment are just few of the uncertainties needed to resolve concerning the new law.
5. Placing drug offenders without any secondary charges to treatment centers helps the government save \$250 million after five and a half year.

## LET'S TALK

1. Do you think this California's new law would be a good idea to minimize drug abuse rates or even eliminate it? If not, why?
2. How big is the possibility for the drug offenders to go for the treatment and finally quit using these prohibited drugs?