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## Courtroom Language

**Directions:** Match each judicial vocabulary term to the correct definition by writing the letter next to the number.

1. Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_
2. Appeal \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_
4. Precedent \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ruling \_\_\_\_\_

A. The decision made by a judge or court

B. The party who brings a case to court, claiming their rights were violated

C. A legal principle or decision used to guide future cases

D. To ask a higher court to review a decision from a lower court

E. The authority a court has to hear and decide a case

**Context Connection:** Choose one term and write a sentence about how it applies to the **Dred Scott Decision**.