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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 _____

A. The decision made by a judge or court

2. Appeal _____

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

3. Jurisdiction _____

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

4. Precedent _____

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

5. Ruling _____

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**.