"You be the judge" is a specially designed interactive website, allowing people to put themselves in the judging seat and pass sentence in scenarios based on real-life cases.

Cases on the site include:
- Burglary
- Drug dealing
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Mugging
- Teen crime (juvenile robbery case)
- Threatening behaviour
- Vandalism

Half of the people who used YBTJ changed their view of sentencing as a result. More than 80% of those who completed a case on the website gave a verdict which was more lenient than, or the same as the judge. More than two thirds of users who started their experience with the view that sentencing was "too lenient", ended the process with the view that it was "about right".

Sentencing is complex and getting the right balance is tough. Judges see the realities of crime in society every day and weigh up all the facts of a case before passing sentence. Sentencing is sometimes portrayed as too lenient but evidence reveals that members of the public who take part in a sentencing exercise, are often more lenient than judges, and are surprised when they see how severe the true sentence was. Lord Justice Treacy

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