

Title	Math in Trials
Subject(s)	Mathematics
Learning goal(s)	People's intuitive feel for statistical reasoning is often biased and/or incorrect, which can have large detrimental consequences. During this activity the courtcase of Sally Clark is used to raise students' awareness of their biases in statistical reasoning.
Time	One lesson (circa 50 minutes)
IBL	Student's ability to assess such statistical situations in a mathematically grounded way is an important part of their citizenship education. Furthermore, this social context emphasises the meaningfulness and importance of mathematics in everyday life.  The 'Role-play' possibilities lead to a learning setting where students get aware of the special setting of the court yard.
Achievement	NA NA
Context	Texts or videos about the case of Sally Clark are provided at the start of the activity. In the court case and following conviction two important statistical issues arise:  • Dependent vs. independent events • Occurring events with a very small likelihood are often intuitively (and unjust) assessed as non-coincidental.
Culture	NA
Fundamental	Collaborative work, sharing a similar goal, valuing each other's contributions
Values	in team work
SSI/RRI	NA
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