

The Rainmaker

John Grisham



About the author

John Grisham is one of the publishing phenomena of the late twentieth century. He is the highest-selling thriller writer of the 1990s: over fifty-five million copies of his novels have been sold, and they are available in thirty different languages.

Grisham was born in 1955 in Arkansas, in the southern United States. His family were poor and they moved several times when he was a child, staying wherever his father could find work. They eventually settled in Mississippi, where Grisham did well at school and went on to study law at university.

When Grisham qualified in law in 1981, he set up his own office. He often represented workers against big companies, or helped accident victims to get compensation for injuries. He also had a short career in politics, as a Democrat in local government.

One day at the Desoto County courthouse, Grisham overheard the harrowing testimony of a 12-year-old rape victim. He decided to write a novel exploring what would have happened if the girl's father had murdered her attackers. He proceeded to get up every morning at 5 am to work on the novel, called *A Time to Kill*, which was published in 1988. Although the book was not a best-seller, Grisham was determined to succeed as a writer. He got advice from a How to Write course and spent three years on his second novel, *The Firm*. This time he had a best-seller. *The Firm* was one of the biggest hits of 1991, spending 47 weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list. He earned enough money from *The Firm* to close down his law office and become a full-time writer. Since then he has written a string of best-sellers including *The Pelican Brief* (1992), *The Client* (1993), and *The*

Rainmaker (1995). They have been translated into more than thirty languages. *Publishers Weekly* declared him to be "the bestselling novelist of the 90s". *The Rainmaker* is different from most other novels and books in that it is written mostly in the present tense.

Many of Grisham's books have been made into films. *The Rainmaker* was turned into a film in 1997 starring Matt Damon as Rudy Baylor, Mickey Rourke as Bruiser Stone, and Claire Danes as Kelly Riker.

It is said that he earns well over \$25 million a year from his books and from movie rights. He is a born-again Christian, attends a Baptist church on Sundays, teaches at Sunday school, and works with overseas orphans. He is married with two children, and divides his time between his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Oxford, Mississippi.

When he's not writing, Grisham devotes time to charitable causes, including mission trips with his church group. As a child he dreamt of becoming a professional baseball player, and now serves as the local Little League commissioner. He has built six ballfields on his property and hosts children from 26 Little League teams.

Despite his success, Grisham has kept his license to practice law, and at the beginning of 1996 he returned to the courtroom to continue a case he had worked on before he was rich and famous. A railway worker had been killed at work and his widow was asking the company for compensation. Grisham won a lot of money for her and refused to accept a fee for his work.

Summary

The idea of the "rainmaker" in the title of this story comes from American Indian culture. The job of the rainmaker was to carry out traditional rituals to make the rain fall. In the same way, the young lawyer follows the traditional ways of the American courtroom to make money fall into the hands of his client.

Chapter 1: Rudy Baylor has nearly finished law school but hasn't yet passed the bar examination. He secures a position with a Memphis law firm, which he loses when the firm is bought out by another larger firm. A poor couple, Dot and Buddy Black, ask for his help. Their son, Donny Ray, has leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant, but their health insurance company won't pay for the operation. Rudy thinks they have a very strong case against the company, but he has no job and no money and isn't licensed as a lawyer.

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Chapters 2–3: Rudy gets a job in Jonathan Lake's law firm and passes the Black case to the lawyer, Barry Lancaster, who hired him. But Barry just uses him to get the case and then tells him that Lake doesn't want to hire him. Rudy is furious and goes to Lake's office to see him but nobody is there. Later the office is burned down and a security guard killed. Rudy is suspected of murder and arson. Desperate for a job, Rudy reluctantly allows "Prince" Thomas, the crooked owner of a sleazy bar where he's been working part-time, to introduce him to J. Lyman "Bruiser" Stone, a ruthless but successful ambulance-chasing lawyer, who makes him an associate. But to earn his fee, Rudy is required to hunt for potential clients at the local hospital where he must contact injury cases and get them to sign up for a court case with the firm. He is introduced to Deck Shifflet, a less-than-ethical former insurance assessor, now "paralawyer" (having failed to pass the Bar examination after six tries). Rudy works for Bruiser and files suit for the Black case.

Chapters 4–5: Rudy starts his career with ambulance chasing. Whilst preparing the case and also waiting about in the local hospital, he meets and later falls in love with Kelly Riker, a beautiful young woman but a battered wife whose husband has beaten her so badly that she is now in hospital. Rudy is cleared of the charges of murder and arson.

Chapters 6–9: Having passed the bar examination, Rudy prepares to fight the team of lawyers employed by Great Benefit Insurance. It is a daunting task. He has never argued a case before a judge and jury—but he now finds himself up against a group of experienced and ruthless lawyers from a large firm, headed by Leo F. Drummond. But the judge, Harvey Hale, is the old friend of Great Benefit's lead lawyer. Things do not go smoothly. Meanwhile, Bruiser gets into trouble and Judge Hale dies. Rudy and Deck Shifflet then set up their own firm of lawyers. The newly-appointed judge, Kipler, gives Rudy a ray of hope as he shows more understanding toward victims. Before the trial commences, however, the Blacks' son dies.

Chapters 10–13: The case goes to trial and Rudy uncovers a scheme that Great Benefit ran throughout 1991 which was to deny every insurance claim submitted, regardless of the validity of the claim. Rudy collects evidence and builds up a picture of how Great Benefit

makes huge profits by cheating the people who have their insurance policies with them. Great Benefit was playing on the odds that the insured would not consult an attorney (which Dot Black didn't do until it was too late for Donny Ray). A former employee of Great Benefit testifies that the scheme generated an extra \$40 million in revenue for the company. Finally, Rudy wins the case.

Chapters 14–15: During the Black trial, Rudy continues to pursue Kelly. Kelly is beaten by her husband again. Rudy wants to save her, and this eventually ends up in a violent fight with her husband while helping Kelly retrieve items from her home. At the end of the fight, with Rudy about to beat the husband to death, Kelly intervenes and tells him to leave. Later, Rudy manages to save her from the charge of murder. Meanwhile, Great Benefit quickly declares itself bankrupt, thus allowing them to avoid paying the damages. There is no payout for the grieving parents and no fee for Rudy, although Dot Black was never concerned with the money from the trial. In fact, she testified that if awarded any money from Great Benefit, she would donate all of it to the American Leukemia Society.

Background and themes

The Rainmaker has a large cast of characters and not all of them are honest or decent. Grisham seems to be saying that the world we live in is often corrupt, selfish, and greedy. To this extent he is part of the school of tough detective writers in the US such as Raymond Chandler, James Ellroy, and Patricia Cornwell.

Legal thriller: Most of John Grisham's novels are legal thrillers—exciting stories set in the world of the law. His novels are "page turners", that is, books which people find very hard to put down once they have started reading them. They have a consistent theme: his heroes are ordinary people who fight the powerful institutions of society—and win. Grisham finds ideas for his stories in the cases he worked on as a lawyer. He often represented workers against big companies. One day he sat in a courtroom listening to a very young girl testify against a rapist. "I never felt such emotion and human drama in my life," he told *People* magazine. "I became obsessed wondering what it would be like if the girl's father killed that rapist and was put on trial. I had to write it down." And this became his first novel.

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Grisham uses the tension of the courtroom atmosphere to add suspense and strong emotion to his stories. In *The Rainmaker*, his young lawyer, Rudy Baylor, brings laughter, tears, anger, and surprise witnesses to the courtroom. All Grisham's novels are gripping and tense. One surprising event quickly follows another. They provide perfect material for the film thriller and have attracted some of Hollywood's most expensive stars.

David and Goliath: John Grisham's novels are very popular in America. They give the reading public a chance to support the "little guys" against the "big guys". The big guys in Grisham novels include big business, US government agencies (the CIA and the FBI), the Mafia, and the Ku Klux Klan. Lawyers and the law play a more important part in American society than in other countries. However, it is usually rich and/or well-educated Americans who take out court cases. The poor in America are just as shy of the law as the poor are in other countries. The basic idea of the story in *The Rainmaker* is that poor and/or uneducated people are afraid to get involved with the law. Great Benefit, the insurance company at the heart of the story, relies on the fact that only one in twenty-five of the people who make a claim for money from them will use a lawyer to try to get their claim paid.

Ambulance chasing: Under the US legal system, a lawyer can take on a client for a percentage of the amount that the client wins from the court. It may be millions of dollars, it may be nothing. This is called "no win, no fee" and it allows people with little or no money to take out court cases. Many lawyers in the US find a lot of their clients by "ambulance chasing"—as Deck Shifflet does in *The Rainmaker*. This means that the lawyer visits victims of accidents in the hospital and offers to represent them.

Domestic violence: Domestic violence is rife in our society but it isn't often talked about in the media. Grisham takes the opportunity of denouncing this often hidden crime.

Discussion activities

Before reading

- 1 **Group work:** Read the Introduction to *The Rainmaker*. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
The Rainmaker is a thriller. What is a thriller?
(Use a dictionary) Why the story is entitled The Rainmaker? Who is the rainmaker in the story?
Can you give some examples of thrillers that you know?

- 2 **Pair work:** Students work in pairs. Explain that you are going to describe a situation that students find themselves in:
You have just finished law school. You can't find a job. You have no money. You have debts you can't pay. What do you do now?
 (This is the situation Rudy Baylor finds himself in at the beginning of the story.)
 Then the pairs compare ideas as a whole class.

Chapters 1–3

Before reading

- 3 **Research:** Ask students to find information from books or the Internet about the following:
 - a *What is leukemia? What kind of illness is it?*
 - b *What is a bone marrow transplant? Is it the only way to save leukemia patients?*
 - c *What is an insurance policy? What policies can you buy from insurance companies?*
 - d *Do you know any insurance companies in your country? Give some examples.*
 - e *Apart from insurance companies, where can you buy policies?*
- 4 **Discuss:** Chapter 1 is entitled *The Black Case*. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
 - a *What does "Black" mean? Do you think it has a double meaning? And if so, what is it?*
 - b *Who are "the blacks" in American society?*
 - c *Do you think there is any social ladder in American society?*
 - d *Why does the story start from the "Black" case?*
 - e *Can you think of other story books or movies that show race problems in American society?*
- 5 **Guess:** Ask students to guess the following:
What can the Great Benefit company do to delay compensation? Will any law firm help the Blacks to sue Great Benefit?

While reading

- 6 **Role play:** On page 13 Rudy talks to Prince about "*losing the job, the fire, the police, the dead body*". Put students into pairs and ask them to imagine and act out this conversation.
Student A: You are Rudy. You explain all the things that have happened to you.
Student B: You are Prince. You ask questions. Your eyes are red, you look terrible and you're in a bad mood.
- 7 **Check:** Ask students to check whether their predictions in Activity 5 were correct.

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After reading

- 8 Read carefully and discuss:** The whole novel is written in the first person and in the present tense. Read out or write on the board a few sentences to illustrate this. As an example read this sentence from page 9: *I leave Barry's office ... Mrs. Skinner some flowers.* Get students to read the sentences back to you using the third person and the past tense. Then ask students to discuss these questions in small groups: *Which style do you prefer? Why? Why do you think the author only uses the present tense?*
- 9 Read carefully and discuss:** On page 2, there is the letter from Great Benefit:
- Dear Mrs. Black:*
On seven previous occasions, this company has denied your claim in writing. We now deny it for the eighth and final time. You must be stupid, stupid, stupid!
- Ask students to think about the following questions: *What is the purpose of this letter? From the letter, can you tell the attitude of Great Benefit? Do you think it is a rude letter? Great Benefit refuses the claims. Do you think it is wise/unwise for the insurance company to do so? Why? What do you think are the possible reasons for Great Benefit to refuse the claims in the letter?*

Chapters 4–6

Before reading

- 10 Guess:** Ask students to guess the following:
In accident cases, who are Rudy's target customers?
 (Hint: Find the answers in Chapter 4)
 The title of Chapter 5 is *Meeting Kelly*. *Who is Kelly? Is she one of the central characters in The Rainmaker? Can Rudy pass the bar examination?*

While reading

- 11 Check:** Ask students to check whether their predictions in Activity 10 were correct.
- 12 Read carefully:** In Chapter 5, Rudy meets Kelly Riker. Have the students read the chapter and answer these questions:
What does Kelly look like? What are her injuries? Is she single or married? How does Rudy know without asking her? What happened to her? Why is she on the wheelchair?
- 13 Pair work:** Put students into pairs and ask them to discuss the following:
What advice would you give Kelly Riker, who is married to a violent husband?
- 14 Role play:** Put students into pairs and ask them to act out this conversation.
Student A: You are Rudy. You feel sorry for Kelly. You think a divorce is the best thing to do. Say why.
Student B: You are Kelly. You want a divorce, too, but you are really frightened. Tell your partner why.

After reading

- 15 Group work:** Rudy says to Deck (page 18) that at law school *"they didn't teach us to chase ambulances."* Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
What do you understand by "ambulance chasing"? Do you think it's a bad thing to do, or do you think it provides a genuine service to people who have had an accident?
- 16 Discuss:** In Chapter 6, Drummond objects to Rudy's arguing the motion because he has no license. But Rudy insists on handling the case as he has passed the bar examination. Ask the students to discuss the following:
If you were a beginner lawyer like Rudy, would you have the courage and confidence to argue the motion? Write at least five reasons in less than 200 words.
If you were Drummond, what would be your reasons to reject such a lawyer who doesn't have any court experience? Write five reasons.
- 17 Discuss:** In Chapter 6, Great Benefit has instructed its lawyer to offer Rudy and his clients seventy-five thousand dollars to settle the case. If so, Rudy will get twenty-five thousand dollars for commission. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
Do you think the offer is a fair deal? If you were Rudy, would you ask the Blacks to accept the offer? Give your reasons.
If you were the Blacks, would you accept the offer or ask for more? Give your reasons. If you refuse the offer, what would make you continue the trial? Why does Great Benefit want to settle the case with that sum of money?

Chapters 7–9

Before reading

- 18 Guess:** Ask students to guess the following story development.
In Chapter 7, Donny Ray is supposed to give statement. Who will ask him questions? What questions will be asked?
In Chapter 8, which is entitled, Surprises for Drummond, what makes Drummond feel surprised?
In Chapter 9, which is entitled The Funeral, whose funeral is it?

While reading

- 19 Check:** Ask students to check whether their predictions in Activity 18 were correct.
- 20 Discuss:** In Chapter 7, there are some turning points in the story that make things different for Rudy.
What are the turning points?
- 21 Discuss:** In Chapter 8, Judge Kipler points out that it is quite common for the insurance companies to hide nasty things from their own lawyers. Great Benefit does hide something. *What does this insurance company try to hide from its team of lawyers?*

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22 Discuss: In Chapter 9, Deck finds out someone has put the microphones on the phones in Deck and Rudy's office. *Who do you think has done it? Why did they do it?*

After reading

23 Write: Two important events are reported in the newspaper the day after Rudy and Deck set up their own office. Imagine you are a reporter and write the headlines.

24 Group work and discuss: In Chapter 8, three witnesses from Great Benefit are absent from court because they have left the company. They are a claims handler, an assistant claims examiner, and a claims examiner. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
Why do you think these employees from the claims department of Great Benefit left the company before the hearing? Will their absence help Great Benefit win the case?

25 Read carefully and pair work: An American lawyer once said, "Don't tell me what the law says—tell me who the judge is." Put students into pairs. Have them read Rudy's first conversation with Judge Kipler on pages 37 and 38 and talk about the judge's views which can be guessed at from the conversation.

Chapters 10–12

Before reading

26 Guess: Chapter 10 is entitled, *An Important Discovery*. Ask students to guess what that discovery is.

While reading

27 Check: Ask students to check whether their predictions in Activity 26 were correct.

28 Discuss: In Chapter 10, Great Benefit has further instructed Drummond to raise the offer to two hundred thousand dollars to settle the case. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:

Why do you think Great Benefit raises the offer at this stage? Do you think it is wise to accept the offer? Does Drummond have any hope of winning the case?

29 Write: At the end of Chapter 10, they start to pick the jury for the trial. Write descriptions of the perfect Great Benefit witness and the perfect Black witness. (Include age, race, sex, background, education, job/profession, political opinions.)

30 Read carefully: Ask students to answer the following questions:

In Chapter 11, Deck and Rudy have made a plan to hit back at those who put microphones on their phones. *What is their plan? Are they successful?*

31 Discuss: In Chapter 12, Mrs. Black tells the jury how she will use the compensation money if she wins the case. *How will she spend the money? Do you think her answer will help her win the case? Give your reasons. How do you think Great Benefit handle claims?*

32 Role play: Read the conversation between Drummond and Billy Porter on page 61 in Chapter 11. Work in pairs. Act out the conversation.

33 Discuss: In Chapter 12, the ex-claims handler Jackie Lemanczyk gives evidence. During her employment, she was unwilling to provide her boss with sex in order to get promotion. Put students into groups. Ask them to discuss the following:
Do you think we have to protect women in the workplace? If you were Jackie Lemanczyk, what would you do? Do you know if there is any law that protects women and single parents in the workplace in your country?

After reading

34 Write: The trial begins in this chapter. Students look at the first paragraph on page 62 in Chapter 12. Rudy tells us what is in his opening statement. Ask students to write his statement.

35 Pair work and read carefully: Put students in pairs. Ask them to read through Chapter 12 again and find the important moments in the trial that will persuade the jurors one way or the other. Find the first one or two with the whole class. For example: 1) Drummond calls the Blacks "greedy".

Chapters 13–15

Before reading

36 Guess: Chapter 13 is entitled *The Verdict*. *Who will win the case?*

37 Guess: Chapter 14 is entitled *The Last Beating*. *Who is beaten? Why is it the last time?*

38 Guess: The final chapter is called *Winners and Losers*. *Who are the winners? Who are the losers?*

While reading

39 Check: Ask students to check whether their predictions in Activity 36 to 38 were correct.

40 Read carefully: In Chapter 13, Drummond explains to the jurors that the amount of compensation demanded by the Blacks is too high. *What is/are his reason(s)?* After reading Chapter 14, ask students to describe the character of Cliff Riker.

After reading

41 Write: Ask students to imagine they are a reporter for a local Memphis paper. They arrive at the Riker house minutes after the police. They interview the neighbors and write a report for the paper based on what the neighbors say.

42 Discuss and write: Ask students to work in groups to discuss the following: *What makes The Rainmaker exciting and gives it tension?* Then have a whole-class feedback session and write ideas on the board.

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While reading

Introduction

- 1 **Correct these sentences.**
 - a Rudy Baylor, the hero of this story, has a good job.
.....
 - b He is going to fight a case against a big bank.
.....
 - c His clients, Dot and Bud Black, are very rich.
.....
 - d John Grisham had worked in an insurance company before he became a writer.
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Chapter 1

- 2 **Answer these questions.**
 - a Why does Rudy lose his job on page 1?
 - b What two adjectives does Rudy use to describe the Stupid Letter? What adjective does Max Leuberg use? Why?
 - c What three reasons does Great Benefit give for refusing the Blacks' claim?

Chapter 2

- 3 **How much information from this chapter can you remember? Circle the correct answers.**
 - a Max Leuberg says Rudy should take the case himself / he, Max, will take the case / Rudy should find an experienced lawyer to take the case.
 - b When Rudy gets to the Black home, it is hot / cold / raining.
 - c There is a dog / rabbit / cat sleeping on top of the old Ford in the garden.
 - d Dot says that her husband drinks a lot / takes drugs a lot / sleeps a lot.
 - e Rudy says they will sue for thousands / millions / billions.
 - f Barry X Lancaster works for Great Benefit / Brodnax and Spear / Jonathan Lake.
 - g Yogi's is a bar / nightclub / restaurant.
 - h Rudy describes Donny Ray's hand as soft / thin / bony.

Chapter 3

- 4 **Which answer is right, 1, 2, 3 or 4?**
 - a How does Rudy know that he was fired?
 - 1) He received a notice from Mr. Lancaster.
 - 2) The security guard told him.
 - 3) Dot Black told him.
 - 4) None of the above

- b What crimes do the police think Rudy has committed?
 - 1) Hurting somebody
 - 2) Murder and setting fire
 - 3) Robbery
 - 4) None of the above

Chapter 4

- 5 **Deck Shifflet explains to Rudy how to chase ambulances. Put these sentences in the right order. Write 1–7.**
 - a Go to the hospital information desk. Ask for the victim's room number.
 - b Get the victim to sign a contract with you.
 - c Get the police department accident report.
 - d Check that the victim hasn't talked to an insurance company. Persuade the victim that he/she needs a lawyer.
 - e Tell the person at the other end that you're with the Memphis Fire Department and you need to speak to the victim.
 - f Ask "Do you have a lawyer?"
 - g Call the victim's home number.

Chapter 5

- 6 **Make pairs of words in the following spaces.**
 bar, recorded, tape, law, wheel, metal, wedding, baseball, physical, orange, red, recorder, bat, lipstick, injuries, ring, pin, message, exam, school, chair, juice

Chapter 6

- 7 **Answer these questions.**
 - a Why does Rudy say, "I know all about Tinley Britt"?
 - b Why is Bruiser worried about Leo F. Drummond and Judge Hale?
 - c How does Rudy know that Booker Kane has failed his bar exam?
 - d Bruiser gives Deck and Rudy more money than usual from the Van Landel case. Why?

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- e How does the author make us dislike Great Benefit's legal team?
- f Why do first Judge Hale and then Drummond visit the bathroom during their private interview with Rudy?

Chapter 7

8 Answer these questions.

What is the new judge like? Why is this important for the Blacks' case?

Chapter 8

9 Correct these sentences.

- a Drummond has already seen the Stupid Letter and is not surprised by it.
.....
- b Rudy Baylor goes to Cleveland by air. He travels first class.
.....
- c Rudy asked for six Great Benefit employees to appear as witnesses. They all arrive at nine in the morning.
.....

10 Answer the question.

If Rudy's bus ticket cost him \$100, how much profit does he make on his trip to Cleveland?

Chapter 9

11 Answer the question.

How does Rudy discover that it is Drummond who has put microphones in their office phones?

Chapters 10–11

12 Who makes these remarks and why?

- a "Play the tape of Donny Ray testifying just before he died."
- b "Now, I'm going to ask you the most important question. Have any of you been contacted about this case?"

Chapter 12

13 Put the following people's evidence in order of importance for persuading the jury.

Dot Black, Ron Black, Dr. Kord, Everett Lufkin, Jackie Lemanczyk, Wilfred Keeley, Donny Ray, Andre Weeks, Payton

- 1 2
- 3 4

- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

Chapter 13

14 Complete these sentences with words from the box.

actual guilty instructions
insurance punitive

- a Great Benefit is one of the oldest and most respected companies in America.
- b Judge Kipler gives the jury their and Rudy relaxes.
- c The jury find the defendant, Great Benefit,
- d The court orders that Great Benefit pay \$200,000 in damages and \$50 million in damages.

Chapter 14

15 Write your questions.

Cliff Riker is found dead and his wife Kelly Riker is questioned by the police. If you were police, what questions would you ask Kelly? Write five questions.

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Chapter 15

16 Answer the questions.

- a In the end, why didn't Great Benefit pay Dot any money?
- b Why did Dot Black feel happy even though she cannot get a penny from Great Benefit?

After reading

17 Complete these sentences.

- a If Great Benefit had paid the Blacks' claim,
- b If Donny Ray hadn't died,
- c If Cliff Riker hadn't come home when Kelly and Rudy were in the house,

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Chapters 1–7

- 1 Who are these people in the story? Write their names.**
- a He is bold and is about forty or fifty. He failed the bar exam five times.
 - b He is not a morning person. He introduces Bruiser to Rudy and gets into trouble later.
 - c Young and pretty, she is married but is often hit by her husband.
 - d He is an excellent trial lawyer and wins cases most of the time. He is the lead lawyer representing Great Benefit.
 - e He is one of the twins. He has leukemia and is dying.
 - f He was educated at Harvard and replaces Judge Harvey Hale.
- 2 What are the right answers, 1, 2, 3 or 4?**
- a Which of the following is NOT true?
 - 1) The Blacks never miss a payment for their medical policy.
 - 2) Great Benefit has denied claims from Donny Ray eight times.
 - 3) Great Benefit denies the claim because it said leukemia is not covered in its policy.
 - 4) None of the above
 - b Which one of the following sentences about bad insurance firms is TRUE?
 - 1) They pay quickly upon claims from clients.
 - 2) They sell to uneducated people and refuse claims.
 - 3) They do not cover leukemia in the medical policy.
 - 4) None of the above
 - c Why does Barry X. Lancaster employ Rudy?
 - 1) Because he is willing to work long hours for less salary.
 - 2) Because he has a lot of experience.
 - 3) Because he has passed the bar examination.
 - 4) Because he passes the Black Case to the law firm.
 - d Winning the Black case is not easy because
 - 1) there are no witnesses for Donny Ray.
 - 2) Donny Ray is dying.
 - 3) the judge is an old friend of Great Benefit's lead lawyer.
 - 4) None of the above

Chapters 8–15

- 3 Circle the right words in italics.**
- a Russell Krokit is the *head / clerk / handler* of the claims department in Great Benefit.
 - b Kelly works at the *baseball club / jewelry store / cinema*.
 - c Jackie Lemancyzk is the *witness / juror / judge*.
 - d Drummond considers the sum of punitive damages demanded *unfair / reasonable / greedy*.
- 4 Who is talking to whom? Use the names from the box.**
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|------------------|----------|------|
| Jackie Lemancyzk | Dot | Rudy |
| Deck | Drummond | |
- a "Well, of six witnesses in my notice, three suddenly left the company very late last week."
..... to
 - b "We feel good about our defense, but the judge is against us."
..... to
 - c "I was fired so the company could claim that I didn't work there anymore."
..... to
 - d "We were wrong about him. He's not fond of insurance companies."
..... to
 - e "Give every penny to the American Leukemia Society. I don't want your rotten money."
..... to
- 5 Match the two parts of the sentences.**
- a The witness, Porter, puts his hands around Drummond's throat because
 - b The Blacks will never get the \$10 million
 - c Drummond thinks the compensation demanded is too much because
 - d Deck has found some microphones on the phones and
 - e Jackie Lemancyzk sleeps with her boss because
 - f Rudy wants a jury mix that include women because
 - 1) they will be sympathetic to Dot for the loss of her child.
 - 2) the Blacks only have a monthly income of \$746.
 - 3) because Great Benefit has been robbed by its parent company.
 - 4) she can have a raise and get promotion.
 - 5) the lawyer called him a liar.
 - 6) suspected they were put by the FBI at first.

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Book key

- 1 a bone marrow transplant
b no
c evidence
- 2 a Rudy Baylor
b Dot and Bud Black
c Donny Ray Black
d The insurance company is called Great Benefit because the name means "a great help," which it is not. This is Grisham's joke.
e Grisham graduated from the University of Mississippi law school in 1981 and his first best-seller, *The Firm*, appeared in 1991.
- 3 a 2 b 4 c 1 d 6 e 7 f 3 g 8 h 5
- 4 a Donny Ray and Ron are identical twins. Ron's bone marrow is a perfect match for Donny Ray's. He could save his brother's life if the insurance company would pay for the transplant.
b Great Benefit is Dot Black's insurance company. They have been taking her money for five years and now that she needs them to cover the cost of her son's bone marrow transplant, they refuse to pay. She has written eight letters to the claims department, and the head of this department has sent her a letter calling her "stupid."
c Rudy Baylor works in Prince Thomas's student bar. Rudy is grateful to Prince for paying him one hundred dollars a week for twenty hours of work.
d Max Leuberg taught Insurance Law to Rudy last year. Rudy goes to him for advice about the Black case and Leuberg tells Rudy to send the family to an experienced lawyer.
e Barry X. Lancaster offers Rudy a job at the Lake firm for an annual salary of twenty-one thousand dollars. Rudy gives the firm the Black case and the fees from it, but Lancaster has just used Rudy to steal the case. After Mr. Lake refuses to employ Rudy, there is a fire. Lancaster tells the police that Rudy was quite upset when he left the office.
f Prince Thomas and Bruiser were best friends as children and in high school. They are still friends and have had many adventures together. Bruiser is a lawyer and Prince wants him to give Rudy a job.
- 5 a Rudy takes a letter to the Blacks that ends their contract with Lake and gives it to J. Lyman Stone, which is Bruiser's real name. After the Blacks sign the letter, Lancaster does not own the case because he has not filed the lawsuit yet.
b The Blacks are suing for two hundred thousand dollars actual damages, plus ten million dollars in punitive damages.
c Rudy knows that Donny Ray will die before the trial ends and there is a verdict. He does not tell the Blacks, and he feels he is being cruel to them.
d Bruiser's firm does not expect Rudy to wear nice suits, drive a good car, live in a respectable house, or spend time at the right clubs. Although the pay is poor, Rudy has a wonderful feeling of independence.
e The most important thing in Rudy's life at the moment is passing his bar exam.
- 6–7 Open answers
- 8 a T b F c T d F e T f T g T
- 9 a Rudy Baylor
b Leo F. Drummond
c Harvey Hale
d Bruiser Stone
e Booker Kane
- 10 a Bruiser's firm has succeeded in getting a quick settlement of one hundred thousand dollars from the driver's insurance company.
b Bruiser gets \$33,000, of which he gives \$5,500 to Rudy and \$5,500 to Deck.
c Rudy and Deck are surprised by Bruiser's generosity. Rudy did not expect anything, so he feels wealthy. Deck suspects that Bruiser's generosity means that something bad is going to happen.
- 11 a Rudy is talking about the telephone that Bruiser has given him. The tiny telephone makes it possible for Bruiser to call Rudy whenever he wants. It is a psychological weight on Rudy's mind.
b Bruiser is warning Rudy that he will face an excellent trial lawyer and the lawyer's favorite judge. It will be a lot of work for Rudy because the lawyers will make sure that there is a lot of paperwork. That is how they make their money.

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- c Deck warns Rudy that it is time to leave Bruiser Stone's law firm. The police will be putting him out of business and after that their files will not be able to leave the building. Deck wants Rudy to start a new law firm with him.
- d Judge Harvey Hale is talking to Rudy, who he does not know, when he arrives without Bruiser to argue the motion.
- e Drummond is talking to Rudy, hoping that the Blacks will accept money instead of justice for their son.
- 12** Open answers
- 13** a 7 b 1 c 4 d 2 e 5 f 8 g 3 h 6
- 14** ✓: a, b, d, e
- 15** a Harvey Hale is Drummond's old friend and wants to help him and the Tinley Britt team of lawyers win the case for Great Benefit. Tyrone Kipler dislikes Tinley Britt and hates insurance companies—he sues them all the time.
- b Rudy Baylor, unlike the Tinley Britt lawyers, has very little money so he has to take a bus to Cleveland while they fly first class. The Tinley Britt lawyers will stay in an expensive hotel and have a fine dinner while Rudy will stay in a cheap hotel. They will sleep well while Rudy will not be able to sleep because he is only one inexperienced lawyer against eight experienced lawyers. But Rudy wants justice.
- 16** a Jackie Lemanczyk has left her job and is no longer the claims handler at Great Benefit.
- b Russell Krokitt, head of the claims department who wrote the Stupid Letter, has left Great Benefit.
- c Kelly Riker, the beautiful woman who is repeatedly beaten by her husband, is going to file for a divorce with Rudy's help. She wants to be with Rudy.
- d Booker Kane, Rudy's best friend, has finally passed the bar exam and will be able to keep his job.
- 17–18** Open answers
- 19** a include bone marrow transplants
b incomplete
c was paid for sex by her bosses
d a thousand dollars
e tells lies to the judge and jury
- 20** a ✗ b ✓ c ✗ d ✓ e ✓
- 21** a Section U, which was removed from the copies of the manual given to Rudy Baylor, proves that Great Benefit had a policy of refusing every claim within three days of receiving it.
- b The Stupid Letter proves that Great Benefit treats uneducated people rudely and unfairly.
- c Dot's plan to give the ten million dollars to the American Leukemia Society proves that she is not greedy.
- d Jackie Lemanczyk's information proves that her bosses have told lies in court and that they are dishonest, immoral men who have a policy of denying claims.
- e Payton Reisky's opinion of the handling of Dot's claim proves that the national insurance group works against clients making insurance claims.
- 22** a He means that he cannot afford to pay expensive lawyers and psychologists who specialize in injuries to examine the files on the twelve jurors. Drummond will be able to. Rudy will have only Deck to help him.
- b Rudy means that Drummond must be shocked and very angry after listening to Rudy's conversations with the "jurors." He knows that Drummond can't say that he has been listening to all of Rudy's phone calls.
- c Rudy means that when Porter attacks Drummond, Rudy does not get up to help him. He has finally got his revenge on Drummond for putting microphones in his telephones.
- d He means that Great Benefit's Section U, instructing staff to deny every claim, has made it clear to the jury that the insurance company is guilty. The jury will definitely decide that Great Benefit is guilty after they see the tape with Donny Ray testifying against them.
- e He means that Jack Underhall is guilty of making Jackie sign an illegal agreement and he knows it. He is embarrassed and cannot look at Baylor or the jurors, only down at his shoes.
- 23–24** Open answers
- 25** a divorce b punitive damages c verdict d kills
e Kelly f Great Benefit g Rikers h \$4 million
i business j law
- 26–37** Open answers
- Discussion activities key**
- 1–2** Open answers
- 3** Possible answers:
- a Leukemia is a type of cancer that attacks blood cells.
- b It is the transplant of bone marrow from a healthy person to a leukemia patient.

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- c It is a contract between an insurance company and a person or group who will get compensation if the right conditions are met. Medical insurance policy, life insurance policy, accident insurance policy, etc.
- d Open answers
- e Banks
- 4 a Sample answer: Black is a surname. It can also describe the ethnic origin of a person.
b People with African roots
c–e Open answers
- 5–19 Open answers
- 20 Great Benefit proposes to settle the case with an offer of seventy-five thousand dollars. Judge Hale dies and Tyrone Kipler is the newly appointed judge.
- 21 The stupid letter
- 22 Open answers
- 23 Sample answers: Bar-room Lawyers Wanted by Police / Judge Dies by Pool
- 24–34 Open answers
- 35 Dot reads the letters of denial.
Drummond asks Dot, "Why did you sue Great Benefit for ten million dollars?"
Dot says, "Your client has a fortune, and your client killed my son."
Dot answers, "Give every penny to the American Leukemia Society. I don't want your rotten money."
- 36–42 Open answers
- ### Activity worksheets key
- 1 a Rudy Baylor has **no job**.
b He is going to fight a case against a big **insurance company**.
c His clients are **not** very rich.
d John Grisham **started his own law firm**.
- 2 a Because the company that offered him a job—Brodnax and Spear—are taken over by another company, Tinley Britt. Tinley Britt then fires everyone from Brodnax and Spear.
b Rudy calls it shocking and mean (p. 3). Max calls it unbelievable (p. 4).
c 1: leukemia wasn't covered in the policy; 2: Donny Ray had leukemia before they bought the policy; 3: he was an adult and not covered by his parents' policy.
- 3 a Rudy should find an experienced lawyer to take the case
b hot
- c cat
d drinks a lot
e millions
f Jonathan Lake
g bar
h bony
- 4 a 3 b 2
- 5 a 4 b 7 c 1 d 5 e 3 f 6 g 2
- 6 bar exam, recorded message, tape recorder, law school, wheelchair, metal pin, wedding ring, baseball bat, physical injuries, orange juice, red lipstick
- 7 a Tinley Britt is the company that took his job away.
b Because Drummond is a good lawyer and rarely loses a case and Judge Hale is his favorite judge.
c Booker's name is not on the list of people who were in the newspaper.
d Probably because he is about to run from the police and doesn't want to leave Rudy and Deck with nothing.
e He describes them as a heartless army—short hair, dark suits, white shirts, straight ties, hard faces, nasty little smiles.
f They have a routine: first, Drummond makes an offer, then, Judge Hale acts surprised and says it's a good offer.
- 8 The new judge is straightforward and extremely bright.
- 9 a Drummond has **not** seen the Stupid Letter and is **very surprised** by it.
b Rudy goes by **bus**. He **doesn't** travel first class.
c **Only three of them** arrive at nine in the morning.
- 10 Rudy receives \$2,410.
His expenses: \$100 bus ticket, \$40 hotel and food, \$250 court reporter
Total expenses: \$390
Total profit: \$2,020
- 11 Rudy tells Deck on the phone that Dot wants to settle the claim. He says how much she wants. This is not true. Drummond phones the next morning offering a few thousand more than Dot asks for. He says to Rudy that he knows she wants to settle.
- 12 a Max does because he wants to leave the jury with a wonderful picture.
b Drummond asks the question because he wants to show that Rudy and Deck do not follow the normal practice.
- 13 Open answers

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- 14 a insurance b instructions c guilty
d actual, punitive
- 15 Open answers
- 16 a Because the parent company, PinnConn, took all their money and sent it to Europe.
b It is because she caused the death of Great Benefit.
- 17 Suggested answers:
a they wouldn't have been taken to court.
b he would have been very happy to win the case.
c Rudy wouldn't have killed him.

Progress test key

- 1 a Deck b Prince c Kelly d Drummond
e Donny Ray f Tyrone Kipler
- 2 a 4 b 2 c 4 d 3
- 3 a head b jewelry store c witness d greedy
- 4 a Rudy to Drummond
b Drummond to Rudy
c Jackie Lemancyzk to the court / Rudy
d Deck to Rudy
e Dot to Drummond / the court
- 5 a 5 b 3 c 2 d 6 e 4 f 1

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9781408276457	The Partner (Book with CD-ROM and MP3 Audio Disc)	John Grisham	American English	24133	2,300	104	Patrick Lanigan, a lawyer, dies in a car crash. Later, the partners in his law firm discover that Patrick is not really dead. He is living in Brazil, and he has 90 million dollars of his partners' money...
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9781408276662	The War of the Worlds (with MP3)	H. G. Wells	British English	27235	2,300	104	One summer night, a strange cylinder falls to Earth. Few people are interested at first, but then the end of the cylinder unscrews and a strange, grey creature emerges. Within minutes the Martians are attacking and destroying everything in their path. Can anything be done to stop this invasion?
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