

# What is an intermediary assessment?

You have been asked to come to an **intermediary assessment**.  
The assessment is a meeting to find out if you need any help at court.

An intermediary is a **court helper**.



They can explain things to you at court – in a clear way.  
They can tell the judge how to make it easier for you to:

- Understand things at court
- Speak at court (*if you need to do this*)

A green checkmark is positioned above a red 'X' mark.	<p>Doing the assessment is <b>your choice</b>.</p> <p>When you meet the intermediary, you can say <b>yes</b> or <b>no</b> to the assessment.</p> <p><u>It will not change what happens in your case.</u></p>
A large black question mark is at the top. Below it are three small geometric shapes: a square, a circle, and a triangle. At the bottom is a black clock face icon.	<p><b>During the assessment</b></p> <p>The intermediary will ask some questions about you.</p> <p>They will ask about things you find easy, difficult, and helpful.</p> <p>They will <b>not</b> ask about your case.</p> <p>They will ask you do some tasks.</p> <p>The assessment can take up to <b>3 hours</b>. But it can be shorter.</p> <p>You can take breaks or stop any time you want.</p>
An icon of a document with horizontal lines representing text is at the top. Below it is an icon of a judge wearing a black robe and a white wig, holding a gavel.	<p>The intermediary will write a <b>report</b> after the assessment.</p> <p>The report will be sent to the judge, your solicitor and the other lawyers in the case.</p> <p>The report will say if you need an intermediary at court. It will say if you need any other help at court.</p> <p><b>The judge</b> will read the report. They will decide what help you have.</p>

**If you have any questions about the assessment, please speak to your solicitor.**

# Intermediary assessment: What are the tasks?

During your intermediary assessment, you will be asked to do some **tasks**.

The tasks are to find out what help you might need at court.

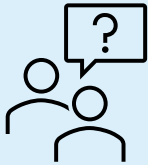



They are to do with skills like:

- **Remembering** things
- **Understanding** court words
- **Understanding questions**
- **Reading**

**Don't worry** if you find any of the tasks difficult.

This helps us understand what help you will need at court. It won't affect your case at all.

Here are some of the tasks you might be asked to do:

	<b>Questions about you</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Your education (what school was like)</li><li>- Your daily life</li><li>- Your health and mental health</li></ul>
	<b>Memory tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Remembering lists</li><li>- Remembering a story</li></ul>
	<b>Court words</b> <p>Questions about what different legal words mean. <i>This is to find out the best way to give you information at court.</i></p>
	<b>Answering questions</b> <p>This is to find out the best way for lawyers to ask you questions. <i>For example, some people find long questions difficult.</i></p>
	<b>Reading task</b> <p>You will be asked about your reading skills. You may be asked to read something.</p>
	<b>Dates and numbers task</b> <p>You will be asked about some dates, times and numbers. You might be asked to use a calendar.</p>

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