

# ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE?

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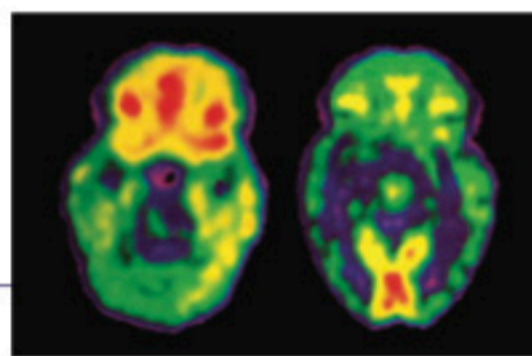
There are two news pieces in different styles, both reporting the same court case. You will be discussing these with your class.

Think about the following issues and questions while listening:



## LEGAL

- Did the jury come to the right decision?
- What do you think the jury discussed?
- What medical evidence would you want if you were on the jury?
- What other information would you require if you were on the jury?
- Should legal tests be based on current scientific understanding?



## SCIENCE

- Was the man responsible for his actions?
- How much control did he have over his behaviour?
- How much does your brain control your behaviour?
- Do you think he now has control over his behaviour? Will this change?



## MEDIA

- Which report did you believe and why?
- Do you think the public need to see justice, for example, people serving time in prison?
- What do you think scientists want the media to say when reporting science stories?
- What do you think reporters view as important when reporting science stories?
- Can you think of other examples where someone might not be responsible for their actions?

### Topic guide

Your teacher may have already provided you with a copy of the topic guide. This includes background information on the brain, the law and styles of media reporting.

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