

# Where am I?

The following statements are excerpts from higher court rulings or otherwise describe a component of certain hearings. For each statement, determine at what type of hearing the ruling was made.

1. The court must ascertain whether the child is currently and prospectively without parental care, with the burden of proof on the party seeking to take the child from its parents.
2. Any decision to remove the child from the home must be based on the paramount purpose of ensuring the child's safety; such factors as age of child, extent of child's relationship with parent, and the nature of the relationship should be considered.
3. A court must ascertain not only what sort of parental care child received in the past, but also what sort of parental care child will receive in the future if he/she remains with the parents.
4. Evidence only as to a child's relationship with mother is insufficient. The court must determine whether a child's father is available and capable of rendering requisite care for and control over the child.
5. Except where aggravated circumstances are determined to exist by the court and reasonable efforts determined to be not necessary, even when there are inadequacies in the home, the court must aim to preserve the unity of the family. This may involve ordering child welfare services to instruct parents in skills needed to care for the child and to provide follow-up supervision in the home where feasible.
6. Evidence showed that child had severe bruises on his cheeks and abdomen and had received substandard care in the past.
7. Court determines whether reasonable efforts were made to prevent placement or whether the absence of said effort was reasonable due to the emergency nature of the removal or the allegation of aggravated circumstances.
8. The court makes specific factual findings as to what efforts the agency is making to eliminate the need for placement of the child and whether such efforts are reasonable.
9. The court examines such things as: the extent of progress made toward alleviating the circumstances which required placement; the appropriateness and feasibility of the current placement goal for the child; the likely date by which the goal for the child might be achieved; and whether the child is safe.