

Typical Heuristic Responses by Jurors

A. Heuristics are mental shortcuts that are illogical conclusions where a person goes from point A to B without first examining their conclusions. For example, some heuristics in this case might be:

1. The photos don't look that bad.
2. I've seen worse wrecks where the driver walked away.
3. She's lucky she wasn't hurt worse than she was.
4. If she waited 2 years to get surgery, it must not have hurt too badly.
5. I think she's faking.
6. That injury isn't very serious.
7. Even her doctor thinks she was faking.
8. Her injury is psychological therefore she can get over it.