Parked Against the Flow

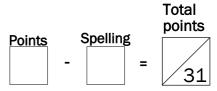
Read the following text where a number of words are missing. Write ONE word in each gap. The word should make sense in the context and fit in grammatically. Remember to check your spelling.

It started with a parking ticket. It could have ended with a parking ticket, and at most a \$42 fine. But as my wife said at the time: "Why should we pay this?"

She had parked very neatly, considering it was a big American van, and quite
from the minicar she was used to driving in London. Then she
had 25 cents in the meter for an hour's So
why, 45 minutes, was the ticket fluttering under the wipers?
The issuing officer had ticked a box: "Parking against the flow." An American
acquaintance explained us that in the United States it is
against the law to park facing on-coming traffic. "Godwhy,"
said our friend. "Of course, you can always appeal. But you won't get off."
Our first instinct to pay it. But the ticket came on a bad
day when we were short of, so we ticked the "not guilty" box
and called the appeal number listed.
The day for our court appearance was for the following
Thursday. We were advised to be there at 10 am. "We'll get to you as
as we can."
A week to mount our defence. I have to say that my wife
an impressive legal mind. Our case seemed rock-solid. In the street where she had
parked her van was no indication about parking with the flow.
Not the booklet of New Jersey traffic regulations given to us

by the local library	the local library anything at all about it. "Yeah, but		
15	knows that," said our American expert.	"You'll get done."	
	ning dawned, bright and cold. My wife h	ad	
entirely in black. "Y	ou're gonna go down for twenty years, l		
17	the umpteenth time that week. Her smil	e was as wintry	
18	the weather.		
We drove to th	e court-house and, t	this time with the flow.	
The court-house at 1	Montclair was satisfactory in almost ever	ry way, from the Stars	
and	fluttering from the balcony to the to	wo gigantic armed	
New Jersey police of	officers in black uniforms who searched	us for bombs.	
Upstairs, the re	est of the local low life was gathering. The	ne day's cases	
21	listed on the wall: Failing to clear the s	now. Leaving rubbish	
in an alleyway. We	had brought our four-year-old daughter a	llong,	
school had suddenly	been cancelled that day. She was solem	nnly checked	
23	weapons and bombs.		
The courtroom	could have been taken straight out	TV series	
like Perry Mason or	L.A. Law, with a long bench for the jud	ge and that little box at	
the side where the v	vitness breaks down and	that he has lied.	
"All rise." Jud	ge Booker swept into court, a distinguish	ed black man in	
26	early fifties, trailing authority like a clo	ak. Malefactors were	
dealt	in an impressive manner. "If you s	speak out of turn one	

more	_," the owner of the litter-strewn alleyway v	vas warned,
"it's gonna cost you \$500)."	
What was it "gonna"	'cost the lady with the parking ticket? We	did not have to
	ong to find out. The clerk called my wife's	
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and she took her place at	the bench. We had rehearsed a little speech,	but the public
prosecutor got in first. "T	his lady is from England,	Honor, and
she didn't understand our	parking rules."	
Judge Booker pause	d. "Case dismissed. And welcome to Monto	elair."



Bedömningsanvisning

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31 poäng

Ord med stavfel som bedöms göra orden obegripliga eller leda till missförstånd för en engelskspråkig person ger 0 poäng. Rätta/accepterade svar som innehåller stavfel ger 1 poäng. Ett avdrag för antal felstavade ord görs från slutsumman med högst 2 poäng enligt rutan till höger:

Antal fel- stavade ord	Poängavdrag från slutsumman
1-2	0
3-4	1
5-	2 (maxavdrag)

	1 poäng	Acc	0 poäng
1	different		
2	put; inserted; dropped; slipped	paid; placed	laid; thrown
3	parking	time; stay; visit	stop
4	later	after; afterward(s)	left
5	to		for; too; two
6	knows		
7	was		
8	cash; money		patience; time
9	fixed; decided; set	scheduled; booked	already; due; on
10	soon; quick(ly)	fast	early; often
11	has; had; showed; displayed		got; was
12	there		
13	even		
14	mentioned/mentions; said/says	contained; described; expressed; indicated; told; wrote (också presens av alla dessa verb)	knew; listed; showed
15	everybody; everyone; anybody; anyone		
16	dressed		
17	for		
18	as		

19	parked		rolled; stayed; stopped
20	Stripes		
21	were		
22	as; because; since; whose	for	her; the; when
23	for		about; after
24	of		
25	confesses; admits; says	agrees	cries; tells
26	his		the
27	with		
28	time		word
29	wait		guess; stay; wonder
30	name	number	case; lawyer; witness
31	Your		