

# VOCABULARY: Legal English



**For each of the following statements, choose the correct answer!**

1. If you do not fulfill a contract, you are in ... of contract.  
a) dishonour                      b) breach                      c) disobedience
2. If, in a contract, something is not mentioned that should have been, this is termed an ...  
a) oversight                      b) commitment              c) omission
3. When a conflict is to be settled outside the courts, this can often be done using the process of ...  
a) arbitration                    b) settlement                c) partial agreement
4. Can you believe it, they first granted me permission to build a new garage, but then they ... it on the grounds that one of the neighbours had complained - I didn't think such a thing was possible!  
a) refunded                      b) returned                    c) revoked
5. Another word for "to initiate legal proceedings against someone" is to ... them.  
a) protect                        b) sue                          c) invoke
6. When a company sells something over the phone, the sales contract can also be called a/an ...  
a) unwritten rule                b) spoken contract            c) verbal agreement
7. We've got too much work this month. There are so many new tax regulations that have all ... at the beginning of the year, dealing with them all is just a nightmare!  
a) come into force                b) started applying            c) become valid
8. The company doesn't own these premises, they only ... them.  
a) borrow                        b) lease                        c) hire
9. Yes, and the lease contract is due to ... next year, and we have no idea whether they are going to renew it or not!  
a) expire                         b) run over                      c) extend
10. A sales contract for an Internet or telephone sale is generally considered ... if the goods are not returned after a specified period of time (e.g. 14 days after delivery).  
a) fixed                          b) binding                      c) regular

## SOLUTION

1. If you do not fulfill a contract, you are in **breach** of contract.
2. If, in a contract, something is not mentioned that should have been, this is termed an **omission**.
3. When a conflict is to be settled outside the courts, this can often be done using the process of **arbitration**.
4. Can you believe it, they first granted me permission to build a new garage, but then they **revoked** it on the grounds that one of the neighbours had complained - I didn't think such a thing was possible!
5. Another word for "to initiate legal proceedings against someone" is to **sue** them.
6. When a company sells something over the phone, the sales contract can also be called a **verbal agreement**.
7. We've got too much work this month. There are so many new tax regulations that have all **come into force** at the beginning of the year, dealing with them all is just a nightmare!
8. The company doesn't own these premises, they only **lease** them.
9. Yes, and the lease contract is due to **expire** next year, and we have no idea whether they are going to renew it or not!
10. A sales contract for an Internet or telephone sale is generally considered **binding** if the goods are not returned after a specified period of time (e.g. 14 days after delivery).