



Study American English.com

with **Dr Jonathan**



Legal Vocabulary: Website Contracts (Level: Advanced)

By using our products and services, you agree to our Terms of Service (StudyAmericanEnglish.com/tos.html).



abet - to encourage or assist someone in doing something illegal.
“Aiding and abetting” someone in a crime is often a crime itself.

agent - someone who acts for (on behalf of) someone else

alleged, allegation - an accusation made without giving evidence

- Here is a list of his alleged crimes.

amend - modify, add to, remove from

arbitration - when disputes are settled by negotiating with a mediator instead of by going through the court system

AS-IS - having no warranty. It is whatever it is.



assets/materials - valuable things owned by someone

- property, money, a text or image, etc.

assign/delegate - to legally transfer or authorize

- You may not assign/delegate your rights to anyone else.

authorized - allowed, permitted

authority - a high social position held by a person or institution

- Only the president has the authority to live in the White House.

award - the rewards (money, relief, etc.) given to the winner of a legal case

bind, bound - to create an obligation, duty, or responsibility; the opposite of release

- Do you have the authority to bind your company to this contract?



capacity - mental/physical capability and/or social position

- A child does not have the mental capacity to agree to a contract.
- She signed the contract in her capacity as the company's CEO.

cause of action - similar to a claim, something that leads to a legal proceeding

claim - to file a legal case, to start a legal proceeding

compensation - to pay someone for something, usually for providing a service

compliance - to follow (comply with) a contract, law, etc.

confer upon - to legally give something

- This contract confers certain rights upon you.



consent - to agree to, allow, or permit something

construe - consider, interpret, take, understand as

contractual/extracontractual - contractual means within or covered by a contract, extracontractual means outside or not covered by a contract

damage(s) - when something is damaged/broken, or payments to repair or replace something that has been damaged or lost; similar to loss

data - a very general word, any kind of information about anything, usually digital or auto-generated information

defend - to legally support or aid someone

detention - to be held in jail/prison



directly/indirectly - whether one thing clearly causes another thing or only vaguely, loosely, etc. contributes or leads to another thing

disclaim - to deny liability or responsibility, to warn/caution

disclose - to give or share something that was previously hidden

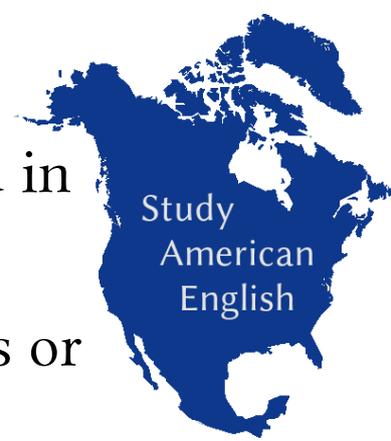
- He disclosed the records to his attorney.

dispute - argument, conflict, a possible reason for taking legal action

eligible - qualified, capable, allowed

endorse - to support a certain product

- Professional athletes often endorse breakfast cereals, shoes, etc.



entire - every legal duty, obligation, etc. of the parties is contained in this contract

errors & omissions - when a product or service contains mistakes or is missing something

evidence - some objectively or automatically produced record, object, etc. that supports a certain conclusion or interpretation

- There was no evidence linking him to the crime.

exclusive/nonexclusive - whether a contract limits the ability of the parties to form other contracts

- Most photo sites have nonexclusive licenses, meaning that you can post photos on multiple sites.

expeditiously - quickly, efficiently

export/re-export - to send something outside of a certain jurisdiction, or to a certain other jurisdiction

expressly – clearly, openly, right now, for this case, not in general

- You must expressly agree to this project, or we won't do it.

fair use - some countries allow limited reprinting of intellectual property owned by others without asking for their permission

- You may usually quote a sentence or two from a book in another text, but you may not reprint long sections of the book.

final - no further legal action may be taken

- This court's decision is final and binding.





fitness for a particular purpose - whether a product or service is capable of, or suitable for, being used for some purpose

force majeure - unexpected circumstances, "acts of God," etc.

free speech - whether one has the legal right to say anything, or certain things, in public

good faith - honest, helpful, saying what you actually believe or want

grant - to legally give something

- This contract grants you certain rights.

guardian - someone who is legally responsible for someone else

- Parents are usually the legal guardians of their children.

hold harmless - similar to defend and indemnify, to consider someone harmless, not responsible, etc.



immunity - not allowed to be prosecuted

- The criminal made an immunity deal in exchange for giving the government information about other criminals.

_ in nature - the nature, substance, essence, etc. of a thing

- Web sites are digital in nature.

in our/your/someone's sole discretion - that person alone may decide what to do about something

- I, in my sole discretion, will decide where my child should go to school.

including but not limited to - a few examples from a possibly larger set of things

indemnify - to pay someone for a damage or loss

informational use - when something should be used only for general informational, entertainment, etc. purposes, not taken very seriously or relied upon



infringe - to violate someone's rights or the law, usually refers to violating intellectual property rights

intellectual property - intangible property

- the rights to print, use, etc. the text of a book

intention - a mental plan to do something, not an accident or coincidence

- Did he intend to break the law or was it an accident?

jurisdiction - a place, activity, etc. where a certain government's laws apply

- A ship at sea is governed by the jurisdiction of its home port.

laws - rules made by a government agency, enforced by the police

legal process - the official documents and actions involved when legal action is taken against someone or something



liability - duties, responsibilities, obligation to pay, legal vulnerability

libel/slander/defamation - Libel means to print something bad and untrue about someone in order to hurt their reputation. Slander is to do the same in speech. Defamation is a general term that may also include saying or writing bad true things about someone.

license - an intellectual property (e.g., copyright) contract, saying how someone may use a certain text, image, video, etc.

limited - rights or a license with limits, not unlimited

loss(es) - when property, money, etc. is lost; similar to damage(s)

merchantability - suitable for sale

minor - someone who is legally a child due to their age (usually under 18 years old in the US)



negotiable - whether negotiation, debate, haggling, etc. is allowed

opt in/out - to choose whether to participate or be included in something; 'in' means to be included, 'out' means to be excluded

- You may opt out of our mailing list.

original - your own creation, not copied from anywhere

party - people, companies, etc. who are somehow involved in, bound by, mentioned in, etc. a contract

perjury - the crime of lying to a court

policies - rules made by a company, person, etc., enforced by their employees

prevailing - winning

privacy - to be left alone, not disturbed, not surveilled or tracked, etc.

proprietary - when something is owned and controlled by someone, often implying that they own a trademark or service mark for that thing

- The recipes for famous foods are usually closely guarded, proprietary trade secrets.

prosecute - to take legal action against someone

protection/protected - having a certain legal right or rights in general

pursuant to - following, in compliance with, etc. certain policies or procedures

regulations - a law or rule made by a government or other authority

release(d) - the opposite of bind, to be freed from duties or responsibilities

relief - to stop whatever problem is causing the dispute

- to take down a website that is infringing someone's copyright





represent - to make a formal, official statement

a representative list - a list containing examples that accurately summarize the features of a larger group or collection of things

revocable - something (e.g., a contract) that may be revoked/canceled

retain - to have or hold onto someone or something

right - something permitted by a contract or law

- the right to vote in an election, the right to use a certain image

security - whether something is protected/safe

service mark - like a trademark (see below), but for a service instead of a product



severability/survivability - whether parts of the contract can be removed or ignored without affecting the rest of the contract

shall - a formal version of “will”

statutes - a written law made by a Congress, legislature, etc.

statute of limitations - when legal claims must be filed within a certain period of time after the event, dispute, etc. causing the claim

tangible/intangible - tangible means a physical object (e.g., a house, car, etc.); intangible is something abstract or not physical (e.g., an idea)

third party - a person, company, etc. who/that is involved in a contract, other than the two main parties



to the best of your knowledge and belief - similar to intention, the things you know or believe (i.e., things that may be included in your mental plans)

trademark - a logo image, slogan, etc. that only a certain company is allowed to use on a certain type of product

- Only Microsoft may create a Web search engine called “Bing.”

unsolicited - when someone is given something they did not request

- unsolicited email advertising (“spam”), unsolicited advice, etc.

waiver - permission to break, violate, fail to follow, etc. the contract

warrant (noun) - a legal document, signed by a judge, allowing the police to do something that otherwise might violate someone’s rights (e.g., the “search and seizure” of possessions inside someone's house)

warrant (verb) - to express your certainty about something

Thanks for watching!

Please visit my website:

StudyAmericanEnglish.com



Credits

StudyAmericanEnglish.com/credits.html