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## Legal English – Questions

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal\\_English](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal_English) Read the article from Wikipedia about Legal English and answer the questions.

- In general, a legal language is a \_\_\_\_\_ language based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A legal language differs from an ordinary language in what four ways?

- A. (v) \_\_\_\_\_ C. (s...x) \_\_\_\_\_  
B. (m) \_\_\_\_\_ D. (s...s) \_\_\_\_\_

- Match the above words to their definitions. Write the words in the spaces below.

	The study of the rules whereby words or other elements of sentence structure are combined to form grammatical sentences.
	The study of the structure and form of words in language or a language, including inflection, derivation, and the formation of compounds.
	the branch of linguistics that deals with the study of meaning, changes in meaning, and the principles that govern the relationship between sentences or words and their meanings
	The words of a language

- What is the term associated with the traditional style of legal writing that is part of the jargon of lawyers? \_\_\_\_\_

- What has the traditional style of legal writing been labeled? \_\_\_\_\_

- What are the characteristics of a good legal writing style?

- A. (c...r) \_\_\_\_\_ C. (c...se) \_\_\_\_\_  
B. (c...t) \_\_\_\_\_ D. (c...te) \_\_\_\_\_

- What are the two requirements for internal lawyers when it comes to communication?

- A. (3 more words) a need for \_\_\_\_\_  
B. (3 words) \_\_\_\_\_

- Give two examples of legal documents according to the article.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_

- Give three examples of court pleadings according to the article.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_ C. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Other than Acts of Parliament what are two other examples of laws?

A.

B.

11. What are the two reasons why legal English is now a global phenomenon?

A. the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ (9 words)

B. the role of \_\_\_\_\_ (6 words)

12. Legal English is informally referred to as \_\_\_\_\_.

13. What are the origins from which many words in modern legal English are derived?

\_\_\_\_\_ (6 words, the first is hyphenated)

14. In what year was the Statute of Pleading enacted?

15. What caused Latin to be replaced by English as the language of formal records and statutes? \_\_\_\_\_ (8 words and 1 year)

16. During the Medieval period what three languages did lawyers use?

A. (L)

B. (F)

C. (E)

17. What is a mixed-language doublet?

a phrase using \_\_\_\_\_ (10 words)

18. From what three sources does modern English obtain its vocabulary?

A. (G)

(2 words)

B. (F)

C. (L)

19. What is the result of the extensive use of French and Latin words in legal English?

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ (4 words)

20. What is one of the useful benefits of legal English?

It helps \_\_\_\_\_ (6 words)

21. What is the peril of not complying with a subpoena?

\_\_\_\_\_ (8 words)

22. What two factors cause the feeling that traditional English language training is not sufficient to meet lawyers' English language requirements?

A. Because of the prevalence of \_\_\_\_\_ (7 words)

B. as well as its role as \_\_\_\_\_ (4 words)

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