

# Module: Legal English

This ESP (English for Specific Purposes) module focuses on the acquisition of the English language skills that allow communication in professional situations, using the appropriate legal technical jargon. It is addressed to all of those who have an intermediate command of the English language and want to study in depth the specialised legal vocabulary, structures, styles and registers.

In general, the module provides linguistic knowledge related to the following areas: company law, contract and commercial law, intellectual property law, employment law and tort law. It also helps to become familiar with the most common text types in this field, putting into practise the four key language components: reading, listening, speaking and writing.

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### 1 **Company law**

In this lesson students learn the following:

\* Language functions:

- Distinguishing types of companies depending on their legal form
- Identifying and describing different roles in a company
- Describing the procedure for forming a company
- Describing the legal requirements for forming a company
- Identifying and describing the terms in the insolvency and bankruptcy law in the UK

\* Specialised vocabulary:

- Business legal forms
- Management positions in a business
- Other key personnel positions in a business
- Company law: terms, articles and acts of association
- Business activities
- Insolvency and bankruptcy law: terms, articles and acts

### 2 **Contract and commercial law**

In this lesson students learn the following:

\* Language functions:

- Identifying and describing elements of a business contract
- Describing business offers
- Describing business rejections
- Identifying the participants in the business buying and selling process
- Identifying and describing types of warranty
- Describing e-commerce regulations in the UK

\* Specialised vocabulary:

- Elements of a business contract
- Terms and participants in offers and rejections
- Participants of the business buying and selling process
- Types of warranty
- E-commerce regulations in the UK: regulations, acts and laws

### 3 **Intellectual property law**

In this lesson students learn the following:

\* Language functions:

- Identifying and describing legal elements of the copyright law in the UK

- Identifying and describing legal elements of the patent law in the UK
- Identifying and describing legal elements of trademarks in the UK

- Describing remedies for IP infringement
- \* Specialised vocabulary:
  - Legal elements of the copyright law in the UK
  - Legal elements of the patent law in the UK
  - Legal elements of trademarks in the UK
  - IP infringement

#### 4 **Employment law**

In this lesson students learn the following:

- \* Language functions:
  - Identifying and describing legal elements of the employment law
  - Identifying and describing clauses and provisions of an employment contract
  - Distinguishing different types of workplace discrimination
- \* Specialised vocabulary:
  - Legal elements of the employment law
  - Clauses and provisions of an employment contract
  - Types of workplace discrimination

#### 5 **Tort law**

In this lesson students learn the following:

- \* Language functions:
  - Identifying and describing legal elements of the law of tort
  - Describing product liability legislation
  - Describing types of product liability claims
  - Distinguishing between different causes of the lack of product liability
  - Describing the Civil Procedure Rules 1999 in England and Wales and their legal elements
- \* Specialised vocabulary:
  - Legal elements of the law of tort
  - Product liability legislation
  - Liability claims
  - Causes of liability claims
  - Civil Procedure Rules 1999 in England and Wales