**Language Focus**

**1 Vocabulary: distinguishing meaning** Which word in each group is the odd one out?

**1** agreement franchise covenant contract

**2** should in the event if whereas

**3** consent authorisation injunction permission

**4** withdraw breach cancel rescind

**5** deleted taken out unwarranted removed

**6** contention proposition proposal suggestion

**2 Collocations** Complete the table below using these verbs. which all collocate with the noun contract.

Amend – cancel - enter into – execute – modify - rescind – sign – supplement – terminate.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| To form or make a contract valid | To make a contract partly or wholly invalid | To change or add to a contract |
|  |  |  |

**3 Verb forms**  Complete the sentences below using the correct form of the following verbs.

breach – enter into - modify -renew - sign - terminate

**1** Minors and the mentally incompetent lack the legal capacity to……………………... contracts.

**2** Courts generally rule that if the parties have a meeting of the minds and act as though there was a formal. written and…………………………. contract, then a contract exists.

**3** The lawsuit claimed that the defendant ………………………….... a confidentiality contract by attempting to sell trade secrets as his own inventions.

**4** 'Evergreen clauses' are those clauses which cause automatic renewal unless the contract………………….

**5** While fixed·term contracts involve an agreement that the job will last for a specified period of time, provisions are often included to enable the contract…………………………. if so desired.

**6** The committee shall have no authority to change or otherwise …………………………….contract language.

**4 Word formation** Complete this table by filling in the correct abstract noun form.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| VERB | ABSTRACT NOUN |
| Renew |  |
| Draft |  |
| Include |  |
| Omit |  |
| Terminate |  |
| Transact |  |
| Adopt |  |
| Negotiate |  |
| Propose |  |

**5. Vocabulary**: antonyms. Write the opposite of each of the adjectives used to describe a contract.

1. enforceable / ……………………….contract

2. implied / ……………………………..contract

3. binding /……………………………..contract

4. valid /………………………………… contract

**6. Prepositions** Complete the contract clause below using the following prepositions

Between, by, by, for, hereby, herein, in

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement 1) …………………………..the parties.

No waiver. consent. modification or change of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed 2)……………………… both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification or change, if made, shall be effective only 3)…………………….. . the specific instance and 4) ………………………..the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, agreements or representations, oral or written, not specified 5)………………….. regarding this agreement. Contractor, by the signature below of its authorised representative, 6)…………………….. acknowledges that the Contractor has read this agreement, understands it and agrees to be bound 7) ………………………………… its terms and conditions.