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Reading

Starting a claim in the civil court

When you are in dispute with another person sometimes it is necessary to start a claim in the civil court. We sometimes call this process ‘filing a claim’ or ‘issuing a claim’. Lawyers also say ‘starting proceedings’. We do not use the verb ‘to prosecute’ in civil law because that verb is only used in criminal law. In England most civil claims are filed in the County Court.

There are over 200 County Courts in England and Wales. Most cities and large towns have a County Court. The person who starts the claim is called the claimant in the UK. This person was called the plaintiff until 1999, when there were new court rules in England to make everything easier for people to understand. However, in the USA the claimant is still called the plaintiff. In both England and the USA the other party is called the defendant.

A claim form is the document that a claimant uses to start legal action against the defendant. Why might a claimant start a claim? There are a lot of reasons, for example:

- someone refuses to pay you money that they owe to you
- someone does a job for you, but they do it badly. We call this bad workmanship
- something that you paid for is not supplied to you
- something that you bought is not working properly.

The claimant has to pay a sum of money, called a court fee, for the court to issue proceedings. In the claim form, the claimant must state the amount of his or her claim and request the defendant to pay all of the legal costs of the case. Sometimes people talk about ‘the small claims court’. They really mean the special procedure that exists at the County Court for small claims. A small claim is a claim for less than £5000. This amount will probably increase in the future.

Answer the Questions (5 points)

1. Why do people start issuing a claim in a civil court?
2. What verb does criminal law use?
3. What is the other party of claimant?
4. Give 2 examples of a claimant starts issuing a claim!
5. Who is going to pay if a claimant wins the case?

True or False (5 Points)

6. Starting a claim means the same as starting proceedings. _____
7. You can prosecute someone in the civil court. _____
8. The word ‘plaintiff’ is not used in England any more but it is still used in the USA. _____
9. A claimant can start a claim if someone does a bad workmanship. _____
10. A court fee must be paid by a defendant for the court to issue proceedings _____

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Matching 10 points

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| A. negligence | G. tenant |
| B. the grounds | H. landlord |
| C. partnership | I. the maritime law |
| D. the law of tort | J. discrimination |
| E. unfair dismissal | K. valid |
| F. redundancy | L. maternity leave |
| | M. criminal law |

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| 11 | The contract is not because your client has not signed it |
| 12 | Someone was not careful enough and hurt another person because of his or he carelessness is called..... |
| 13 | A is a business which a minimum of two people own and control. |
| 14 | A is a person who owns a house, a flat, or an office and receives rent from someone for allowing them to live or use the building for business purposes. |
| 15 | Someone treats and behaves differently towards other people, usually in the workplace, because of their age, sex or the colour of their skin is called ... |
| 16 | The reason for someone going to court is called |
| 17 | The law that deals with everything connected with the sea or ship is called... |
| 18 | A situation where someone loses his or her job because an employer no longer needs so many employees is called.... |
| 19 | I defend people who are in trouble with the police. They may even go to prison! It is my job to help them. This law deals with ... |
| 20 | It is the time period when a woman is not at work before and after the birth of her baby. It is called.... |

Vocabulary (terjemahkan dalam bahasa Indonesia)/ 2 points

21. a. judgment: _____

b. will: _____

c. sue: _____

d. no win – no fee _____

22. Buat 3 kalimat dengan 3 kata berikut (3 points)

a. sick pay

b. advocacy

c. allegation