

## Lesson 3: Specialized Legal Vocabulary and Translation

### 1. Introduction

Legal vocabulary changes depending on the branch of law. This lesson focuses on civil, criminal, and administrative law.

### 2. Civil Law Vocabulary

- Contract: agreement enforceable by law
- Obligation: legal duty
- Damages: financial compensation

#### **Example:**

The party in breach shall pay damages.

### 3. Criminal Law Vocabulary

- Offense: illegal act
- Prosecution: legal proceedings against a person
- Sentence: punishment decided by the court

#### **Example:**

The accused was sentenced to two years in prison.

### 4. Administrative Law Vocabulary

- Regulation: official rule
- Decree: formal decision by authority
- Compliance: acting according to the law

### 5. Legal Translation

Legal translation must focus on meaning, not word-for-word translation.

#### **Example:**

Arabic: تنتهي مدة العقد في 31 ديسمبر 2025

Correct legal translation: The contract shall terminate on 31 December 2025.

### **6. Practice Exercise**

**Exercise 1:** Translate the following clause into English:

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"يجوز فسخ العقد في حالة الإخلال بالالتزامات".