

Vocabulary

Negate / reimburse / prompt / decree / condemn / stagger / budge / provincial / rival / flexible  
/ sue / contend / violate / detect / boot out /

*Write some of the words above on the lines below to match with the meanings on the right.*

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| 1. _____  | a. done at once and without delay; incite or urge somebody to do something   |
| 2. _____  | b. to make a judicial pronouncement stating what punishment has been imposed on a person found guilty of a crime, especially in the case of a heavy penalty or a death sentence; to judge that a person or thing is to blame for something |
| 3. _____  | c. belonging to or coming from a particular region.  |
| 4. _____  | d. to deny the truth of something, or prove something to be false  |
| 5. _____  | e. to move or walk unsteadily, almost but not quite falling over.  |
| 6. _____  | f. to take legal action against somebody in order to obtain something, usually compensation for a wrong.   |
| 7. _____  | g. to pay somebody back money spent for an official or approved reason or taken as a loan, or give somebody money as compensation for loss or damage   |
| 8. _____  | h. to act contrary to something such as a law, contract, or agreement, especially in a way that produces significant effects.  |
| 9. _____  | i. to force somebody to leave a place, group of people, or job (informal)  |
| 10. _____ | j. an order with the power of legislation issued by a ruler or other person or group with authority  |

**Take off your bicycle helmet, big boy!**

July 13, 2009 01:30 PM ET

BERLIN (Reuters) - A Berlin brothel has come up with a novel way to **negate** the impact of the global economic crisis and target a new group of customers at the same time -- offering a discount to patrons who arrive on bicycles.

**Travel agents offer sunshine insurance**

July 13, 2009 01:30 PM ET

PARIS (Reuters) - Sun-seekers whose holidays are spoiled by bad weather could be **reimbursed** after French travel agencies launched insurance cover for unwanted interruptions to the sunshine.

**Phone firm's West Bank wall gag fails to amuse**

July 13, 2009 01:38 PM ET

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - A television advert for an Israeli mobile phone firm showing soldiers playing soccer over the West Bank barrier has sparked cries of bad taste and **prompted** Arab lawmakers Sunday to demand it be taken off air.

**Clerics condemn theft of electricity**

July 13, 2009 01:27 PM ET

KARACHI (Reuters) - A Pakistani power utility has obtained a **decree** from top Islamic scholars **condemning** electricity theft, which it says is costing it millions of dollars a year.

**Drunk badger disrupts traffic**

July 09, 2009 06:53 PM ET

BERLIN (Reuters) - A badger in Germany got so drunk on over-ripe cherries it **staggered** into the middle of a road and refused to **budge**, police said on Wednesday.

**Polarizing money dispute settled**

July 09, 2009 10:06 AM ET

BERLIN (Reuters) - An ugly dispute between the Berlin Zoo and a **provincial rival** over celebrity polar bear Knut was settled out of court on Wednesday when Berlin agreed to pay the Neumuenster Zoo a cash settlement of \$600,000.

**Want to make 80K a year? Try casting a spell**

July 09, 2009 12:26 PM ET

LONDON (Reuters) - Fancy 80,000 dollars a year on a stress-free job with **flexible** working hours and no need to wear a suit?

**Man sues Kimberly-Clark over bad-breath device**

July 08, 2009 10:40 AM ET

BOSTON (Reuters) - A Boston-area inventor **sued** Kimberly-Clark Corp on Tuesday, **contending** that the maker of Kleenex tissues and Huggies diapers had **violated** his patent for a device to **detect** bad breath.