



What is a Barrister?

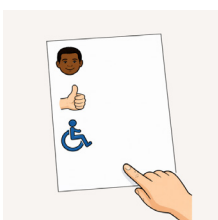
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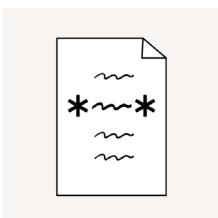
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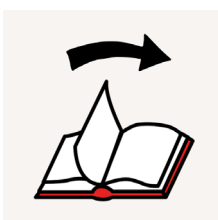
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We explain what new words mean.



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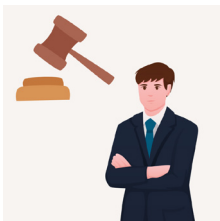
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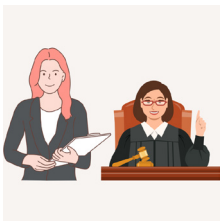
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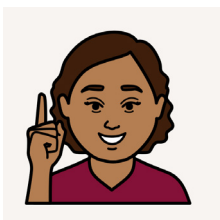
This book explains the role of a ***barrister***.



A barrister is a type of lawyer who has special skills working in a court or ***tribunal***.



A tribunal makes decisions about some problems. It is like a court but less formal.

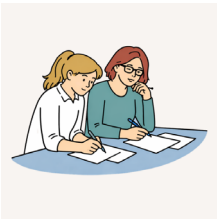


A barrister is sometimes called counsel.

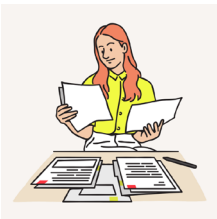
How can a barrister help?



A barrister helps your ***solicitor*** in a court or tribunal.

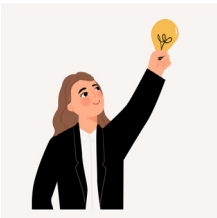


Your solicitor is another type of lawyer who helps you get ready for court or a tribunal.

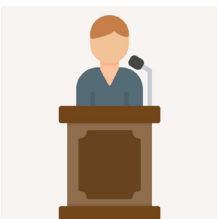


A barrister can help you

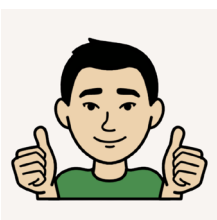
- get important documents ready



- give legal advice

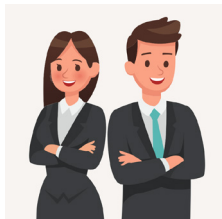


- understand what to do in court or a tribunal.



A barrister might solve your legal problem outside of court or a tribunal.

What to expect

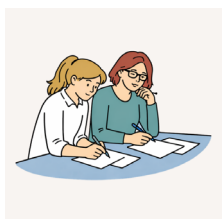


A barrister mainly works with your solicitor in court or a tribunal.

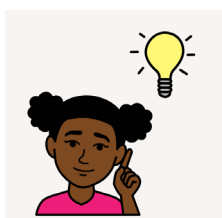


Your solicitor will

- talk to a barrister for you

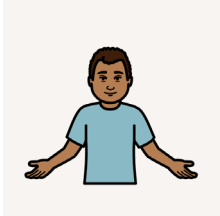


- tell you what the barrister says.



You might meet a barrister to talk about what to expect before you go to court or a tribunal.

When to use a barrister



A barrister can help with your legal problem at any time.

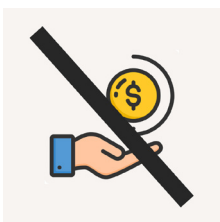


Your solicitor might ask if you want to use a barrister when

- you have a tricky legal problem



- or a ***pro-bono*** barrister is available to help.



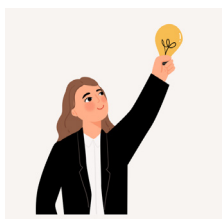
Pro-bono means free legal help.

Why use a barrister?

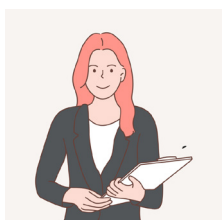


A barrister might solve your legal problem

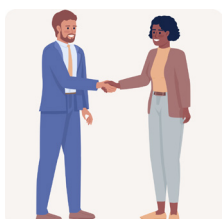
- more quickly



- in a new way when the problem is tricky.



You might use a barrister if the other party has one.



Barristers can work together outside of court or a tribunal to help find the best solution.

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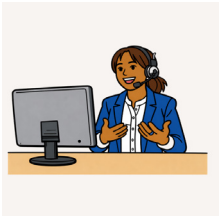
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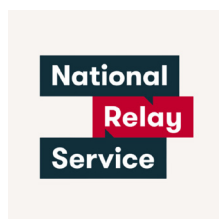


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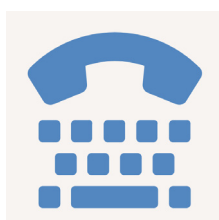
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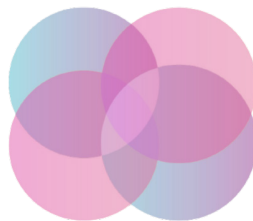


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