

TASK

Please improve the following texts and explain the meaning of the underlined words in plain English:

1. Settlement

The first case was settled for £2,000, the second piece of litigation was disposed of out of court for £2,500, while the price of the agreement reached in the third suit was £5,500.

Hint: *the sentence is too long and contains inconsistent terminology (settled, disposed of out of court and price of the agreement as well as case, piece of litigation and suit) to describe the same thing.*

2. Exclusion Clause

The exclusion clause is already null and void by the reason of the prior order and direction of court of the court. This being the case, the exclusionary clause can have no further force or effect.

Hint: *The problems here are (1) repetitions between the two sentences and (2) unnecessary words.*

3. Offer of settlement

My client is willing to settle this case for £7,500, to be paid to your client, and your client must immediately return the blueprints and specifications and must remove all his equipment from the property. Moreover, my client insists upon having replacement of the entire section of fence which your client took down, the replacement to be at your client's expense.

Hint: *use a form of tabulation (points) to make the text clearer, get rid of nominalizations (use verbs instead of nouns) and unnecessary and repeated words.*