

EFL ENGLISH DAILY



[Keywords](#)



[Abuse of NDA's](#)

1, wrangling

2, bound

3, incidents

4, inappropriately

5, disclosure

6, sensitive

7, revelations

8, misdemeanours

9, moral

10, damages

After months of legal wrangling, the High Court in London ruled that Philip Green, the ex. owner of BHS, could be named as the originator of NDA's that bound staff to silence about incidents of abuse involving the powerful business owner in return for receiving large sums of money. The incidents involved touching female members of staff inappropriately and suggesting a senior black employee was still 'throwing spears in the jungle.'

An NDA, which is an abbreviation for non-disclosure agreement, is a legal agreement originally designed to prevent the leak of sensitive

company information. They are usually effective for a period of 2-5 years. Increasingly, however, their use is being questioned as high profile individuals use them to protect themselves from damaging revelations in the media about their misdemeanours.





Comprehension

1, Who did the injunction in this topic protect?

2, What sort of incidents were covered?

3, What was the original use of NDA's ?

4, How has their usage changed?

5, What term are they normally valid for?

6, What should people who sign NDA's consider first?

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Usage of NDA's, such as in the Philip Green example, do nothing to support campaigns for equality of sex and race. People who sign them have a moral obligation to consider whether they should take money as damages for any stress or loss they may have suffered, or expose such behaviour to raise awareness and hopefully ensure such incidents don't happen to others.



Conversation

1, Tell us about any agreements you have signed.

2, Do you think NDA's should cover up abuse?

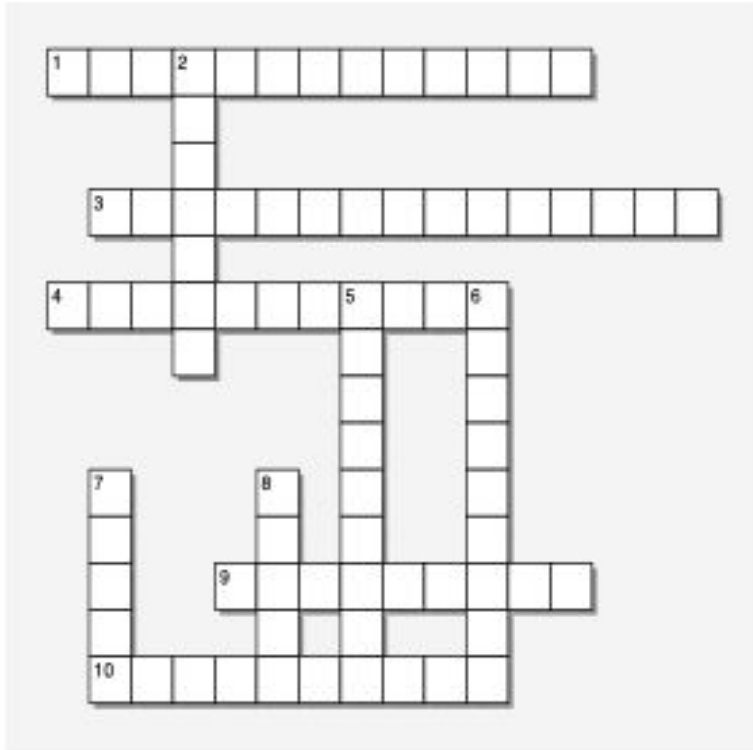
3, Have you ever suffered any type of abuse?

4, Have you ever claimed money for a loss?

5, Would you accept money in return for saying nothing?



Crossword (using the Keywords on page 1)



Across

- 1. incidents of bad (perhaps illegal) behaviour.
- 3. do something in an unacceptable way.
- 4. surprising information.
- 9. trying to reach an agreement on a difficult topic.
- 10. the passing of information (formal).

Down

- 2. payment for a loss.
- 5. unpleasant events.
- 6. to be valuable or secret.
- 7. agree to comply with a legal ruling.
- 8. of good human character.

Your chance to write....

Write about something that you think should change in your country.

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