

Collocation bank

- a source of law
- to draft a Bill
- to draw up a Bill
- to debate a Bill
- to **suggest** an amendment
- to **make** a decision
- to **form** a new law
- to **hand down** a judgment
- to **issue** a new precedent
- to **decide** a case
- to **make** a proposal/suggestion

Preposition bank

- a source **of** law
'Legislation is the UK's most important source **of** law.'
- to be drafted **by** a lawyer
'This Bill was drafted **by** a lawyer in the Civil Service.'
- to put an idea forward **for** consideration
'This idea was put forward **for** consideration by the Department of Health.'
- to suggest an amendment **to** something
'The House of Lords is suggesting two significant amendments **to** this Bill.'
- to come **into** force
'The new Act of Parliament will come **into** force at midnight tonight.'
- a precedent is binding **on/upon** lower courts
'A precedent from 1908 is binding **upon** the court in this type of situation.'
- to be made **by** someone or something
'This decision was made **by** a judge in 1985.'
- to pass **through** a stage (that is one of several stages)
'The proposal for a new Education Act is still passing **through** the early stages.'

Exercise 3

Here is a short text about statute. Complete the gaps in the text with the correct preposition from the box below.

- for
- on
- through
- of
- into
- as
- to
- from

The UK does not have a civil code. Its laws therefore come (a) _____ alternative sources. Until the 17th century, the common law was the most important source (b) _____ law. After that, Acts of Parliament, otherwise known (c) _____ statutes, became the primary source of law.

A Bill is the name given to a proposal for a new statute. A Bill is put forward (d) _____ Parliament's consideration by an MP or by a government department. A Bill has to pass (e) _____ several stages before it becomes law. The first of these stages is usually the House of Commons. A vote is taken (f) _____ the Bill and if it is approved it will pass to the House of Lords. The House of Lords can suggest amendments (g) _____ the Bill but it cannot prevent the Bill from becoming law. The final stage is Royal Assent. After this, the new Act of Parliament can come (h) _____ force.