

Statutory Interpretation Exercise: Rules of Language



- 1) Explain *ejusdem generis*.
- 2) What case illustrates the above rule of language?
- 3) Explain *expressio unius exclusio alterius*.
- 4) What case illustrates the above rule?
- 5) Explain *noscitur a sociis*.
- 6) What case illustrates the above rule?
- 7) Using the rules of language analyse the following scenarios:
 - There is confusion over the meaning of the word “*food*”. The statute states “*cat baskets, toy mice and food*”.
 - There is confusion over the words “*other animals*”. The Act states it applies to “*cats, dogs and other animals*”.