



Impeaching a Witness

When To Impeach

- If witness's testimony contradicts with what they said in their witness statement;

OR

If witness gives an unequivocal response in the witness statement but tries to

- equivocate on the stand;

OR

If witness's testimony is an overstatement or understatement



AND

The difference between the witness statement and the testimony provided in court actually matters.

How to Impeach

1

Repeat the witness's testimony and ask them to confirm.

2

Ask the witness to confirm that they previously gave an honest and accurate witness statement.

3

Read from the witness statement, citing the page and line number.