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Please try the harder Level 5 and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



# THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140521-lawsuit-4.html

When someone gets a big salary, we say they earn "telephone numbers". A man in New York is suing the city for so much it is difficult to think of a comparison. Anton Purisima is suing for two undecillion – a two followed by 36 zeros. Only astrophysicists and astronomers might need this figure. Two undecillion dollars is more than all the money in the whole world, and more than all the wealth created in history.

So what did New York City do so wrong? Mr Purisima is suing the city, hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the transportation system, a bakery and a dog owner for many things. These include civil-rights violations, personal injury, discrimination, attempted murder, and emotional distress. All because a "rabies-infected" dog bit his finger on a bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him without asking; and he pays too much for coffee at LaGuardia Airport.

Sources: http://www.**ibtimes**.com/who-anton-purisima-meet-man-suing-nyc-two-undecillion-dollars-1585981 http://**time**.com/103826/anton-purisima-lawsuit-nyc/ http://www.**independent**.co.uk/news/world/americas/man-files-lawsuit-for-2000-decillion-thats-36-zeros-after-being-bitten-by-a-dog-and-having-his-photograph-taken-by-a-chinese-couple-9396725.html

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	someone gets	a.	by 36 zeros
2	it is difficult to think	b.	wealth created in history
3.	a two followed	c.	of a comparison
4.	astronomers might need	d.	the whole world
5.	all the money in	e.	a big salary
6.	more than all the	f.	this figure

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

civil-rights

emotional

a "rabies-infected" dog bit

2

3.

4.

1.	the transportation	a.	violations	

- b. photos of him without asking
- c. much for coffee
- d. distress
- 5. a "Chinese couple" took e. system
- 6. he pays too f. his finger

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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When someone (1), we say they earn "telephone			
numbers". A man in New York is (2) much it is			
difficult to (3) Anton Purisima is suing for two			
undecillion - a two (4) zeros. Only astrophysicists			
and astronomers might (5) Two undecillion dollars			
is more than all the money in the whole world, and more			
(6) created in history.			
So what did New York City (7)? Mr Purisima is suing			
the city, hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, (8), a bakery			
and a dog owner for many things. These (9)			
violations, personal injury, discrimination, (10), and			
emotional distress. All because a "rabies-infected" dog bit his finger on a			
bus; then, a "Chinese couple" (11) without asking;			
and (12) coffee at LaGuardia Airport.			

# LAWSUITS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about lawsuits in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



# FREE WRITING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140521-lawsuit-4.html

Write about **lawsuits** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.