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Man sues New York City for \$2,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000



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THE READING

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When someone gets a big salary, we say they earn "telephone numbers". A man in New York is suing the city (and others) for so much it is impossible to think of a comparison. Anton Purisima, 62, is suing for two undecillion. Most English speakers would not know or have heard of the word for this amount. It is two undecillion – a two followed by 36 zeros. The only people who might use this word are astrophysicists and astronomers. Two undecillion dollars is, in fact, more than all the money in the whole world. Even more than all the wealth created throughout our entire history.

So what did New York City do so wrong to be sued for such an amazingly huge sum? Mr Purisima is suing the city (and local hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the transportation system, a bakery and a dog owner) for "civil-rights violations, personal injury, discrimination, retaliation, harassment, fraud, attempted murder, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conspiracy to defraud". All because a "rabies-infected" dog bit his finger on a city bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him without asking; and he is overcharged for coffee at LaGuardia Airport.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	A man in New York	a.	by 36 zeros
2	it is impossible to think	b.	created
3.	Most English speakers	c.	use this word
4.	a two followed	d.	of a comparison
5.	The only people who might	e.	entire history
6.	more than all the money	f.	is suing the city
7.	all the wealth	g.	in the whole world
8.	throughout our	h.	would not know

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	sued for such an amazingly	a.	distress
2	the transportation	b.	violations
3.	civil-rights	c.	without asking
4.	attempted	d.	system
5.	emotional	e.	for coffee
6.	a "rabies-infected"	f.	murder
7.	took photos of him	g.	dog bit his finger
8.	he is overcharged	h.	huge sum

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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numbers". A man in New York is suing	the city (and others) for so much it is
impossible to (2)	Anton Purisima, 62, is suing for
two undecillion. Most English speake	ers (3) have
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(4) 36 zeros.	The only people who might use this
word are astrophysicists and	astronomers. Two undecillion
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more than all the wealth created through	ghout (6)
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LaGuardia Airport, the (8)	, a bakery and a dog
owner) for "(9)	, personal injury, discrimination,
retaliation, harassment, fraud, attem	pted murder, intentional infliction of
emotional distress, and (10)	". All because a
"rabies-infected" dog (11)	city bus; then, a "Chinese
couple" took photos of him without ask	ing; 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). a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h) More free lessons at www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S) Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s). a) b) c) d) e) f) g) h)

FREE WRITING

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