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Level 6

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



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THE ARTICLE

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There is a phrase in English when someone gets a big salary that they earn "telephone numbers". A man in New York is suing the city (and others) for so much that it is almost impossible to think of a comparison. Anton Purisima, 62, is suing for two undecillion. Over 99.99 per cent of English speakers would not know or have heard of the word for this amount. That astronomical figure is two undecillion dollars – a two followed by 36 zeros. The only people who are likely to need this word are probably 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 humankind's entire history.

So what did New York City do so wrong to be sued for such a mind-bogglingly gargantuan sum? Quite a lot, it seems. The New York Post reports that Mr Purisima is suing the city (as well as two local hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the transportation system, a bakery and even a dog owner) for "civil-rights violations, personal injury, discrimination in national origin, retaliation, harassment, fraud, attempted murder, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conspiracy to defraud". Why? Well, it's because last month a "rabies-infected" dog bit his finger on a city bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him without asking; and to add insult to injury, he is routinely overcharged for coffee at LaGuardia Airport.

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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

WARM-UPS

- **1. LAWSUITS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about lawsuits. Change partners often and share your findings.
- **2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

phrase / big salary / impossible / comparison / amount / astronomical / wealth / hospitals / transportation / civil rights / harassment / emotional distress / overcharged

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BIG NUMBERS: Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How many zeros?	How / When is this word used?
Hundred		
Thousand		
Million		
Billion		
Trillion		
Gazillion		

- **4. SUE:** Students A **strongly** believe suing someone is the best way to resolve wrongs; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.
- **5. NUMBERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

your bank account

your salary

your age

• your test scores

your weight

• your waist size

• your phone number

• other _____

6. WEALTH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "wealth". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

a.	If someone earns "telephone numbers" they get a low salary.	T / F
b.	Most English speakers know what an undecillion is.	T / F
c.	An undecillion is a 1 followed by 36 zeros.	T / F
d.	All of the wealth in the world amounts to around \$3 undecillion.	T / F
e.	The article said it appears New York did a lot of wrong things.	T / F
f.	A man is suing an airport, a bakery and two hospitals.	T / F
g.	The man suing New York was bitten by a rat.	T / F
h.	The man is also suing because coffee at an airport is too expensive.	T/F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

1.	phrase	a.	appears
2	comparison	b.	number
3.	astronomical	c.	whole
4.	figure	d.	offense
5.	entire	e.	similarity
6.	sum	f.	expression
7.	seems	g.	regulalrly
8.	retaliation	h.	amount
9.	insult	i.	revenge
10.	routinely	j.	huge

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1.	impossible to think	a.	hospitals
2	the word for	b.	by 36 zeros
3.	a two followed	c.	entire history
4.	more than all the money	d.	gargantuan sum
5.	the wealth created throughout humankind's	e.	to injury
6.	mind-bogglingly	f.	this amount
7.	two local	g.	murder
8.	attempted	h.	in the whole world
9.	a rabies-infected	i.	of a comparison
10.	add insult	j.	dog bit his finger

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GAP FILL

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(8) history.	
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discrimination in national origin, retaliation, harassment, fraud,	distress
(13) murder, intentional infliction of emotional	local
(14), and conspiracy to defraud". Why? Well, it's	violations
because last month a "rabies-(15) " dog bit his	VIOIALIOIIS
finger on a city bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him	
without asking; and to add (16) to injury, he is	

LISTENING — Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1)	it is almost impossible to thinka. of a comparisonb. of the comparisonc. of a comparatived. of the comparisons
2)	English speakers would not know or have heard of the word a. for these amount b. for this amount c. for that amount d. for those amount
3)	two undecillion dollars – a two a. follow it by 36 zeros b. follower by 36 zeros c. followed by 36 zeros d. follow by 36 zeros
4)	The only people who are likely to need this word are probably a. astrophysicists and astronomy b. astrophysicists and astronomical c. astrophysicists and astronomer d. astrophysicists and astronomers
5)	the wealth created throughout a. humankind's entire history b. human's kind entire history c. humankind's entirety history d. humankind's entire historical
6)	be sued for such a mind-bogglingly a. gargantuan sum b. gargantuan some c. gargantuan thumb d. gargantuan soon
7)	LaGuardia Airport, the transportation system, a bakery and a. evenly a dog owner b. even a dog owners c. even the dog owner d. evens a dog owner
8)	attempted murder, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and a. conspiracy too defraud b. conspiracy to defraud c. conspiracies to defraud d. conspiracy tw defraud
9)	it's because last month a "rabies-infected" a. dog bid his finger b. dog byte his finger c. dog bite his finger d. dog bit his finger
10)	to add insult to injury, he is a. routine overcharge b. routinely overcharge c. routine overcharge d. routinely overcharged

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1.	What phrase means to get a big salary?
2.	How old is the man who is suing New York?
3.	How many zeros are there in one undecillion?
4.	Who else besides astrophysicists might use the word undecillion?
5.	How big is two undecillion dollars compared to the world's money?
6.	What newspaper is mentioned that reported about this story?
7.	How many hospitals is the man suing?
8.	What kind of distress is the man suing for?
9.	What bit the man?
10.	What does the man think of the coffee at LaGuardia Airport?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

 $From \ \ \, \underline{http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140521\text{-}lawsuit.html} \\$

1.	what phrase means to get a big salary?	6.	reported about this story?
	a) telephone numbers		a) The Times
	b) one to one hundred		b) LA Times
	c) hit the jackpot		c) The Washington Post
	d) the price is right		d) New York Post
2.	How old is the man who is suing New York?	7.	How many hospitals is the man suing?
	a) 60		a) 4
	b) 61		b) 3
	c) 62		c) 2
	d) 63		d) 1
3.	How many zeros are there in one undecillion?	8.	What kind of distress is the man suing for?
	a) 33		a) psychological
	b) 34		b) emotional
	c) 35		c) health
	d) 36		d) back
4.	Who else besides astrophysicists might use the word undecillion?	9.	What bit the man?
	a) Bill Gates		a) a mosquito
	b) astronomers		b) a rat
	c) accountants		c) a dog
	d) zoologists		d) another man
5.	How big is two undecillion dollars compared to the world's money?	10.	What does the man think of the coffee at LaGuardia Airport?
	a) it's bigger		a) there's not enough variety
	b) it's about half		b) it's too expensive
	c) 10%		c) it's dangerous
	d) nowhere near as big		d) it's too hot

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'law' and 'suit'.

law	suit

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.
 - Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
 - Ask your partner / group your questions.
- **3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.
- **5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• earn	• wrong
 impossible 	• sum
• speakers	 personal
• figure	 emotional
• need	• bus
entire	• coffee

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.

LAWSUITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'lawsuit'?
- c) What do you think of this story?
- d) What do you think of people suing each other?
- e) Have you ever been involved in a lawsuit?
- f) Why do you think the man is suing for such a large amount?
- g) What are his chances of winning this case?
- h) Have you ever wanted compensation for something?
- i) If he won, how could the city pay him?
- j) How would life be different if you earnt "telephone numbers"?

LAWSUITS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think New York City is at fault for anything in this case?
- c) What do you think the city's lawyers will say in court?
- d) What do you think of the list of things the man is suing for?
- e) What advice would you give to Mr Purisima?
- f) What advice would you give to New York City's lawyers?
- g) Should people be able to sue for being photographed without permission?
- h) What three adjectives best describe this article, and why?
- i) Is it becoming too easy to sue other people?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Mr Purisima?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put	the c	correct words	from	the table below	w in	the above ar	ticle	
1.	(a)	freeze	(b)	phrase	(c)	parse	(d)	parcel
2.	(a)	sued	(b)	suing	(c)	sues	(d)	sewer
3.	(a)	capacity	(b)	size	(c)	volume	(d)	amount
4.	(a)	likened	(b)	likely	(c)	likelihood	(d)	likeness
5.	5. (a) real (b) issue (c) true (d) fact							
6.	6. (a) all (b) every (c) entire (d) completely							
7.	(a)	gargantuan	(b)	generous	(c)	general	(d)	gargoyle
8.	(a)	eventually	(b)	evens	(c)	even	(d)	eventful
9.	(a)	incantations	(b)	demonstrations	(c)	modifications	(d)	violations
10.	(a)	emotional	(b)	commotion	(c)	demotion	(d)	promotional
11.	(a)	add	(b)	total	(c)	equate	(d)	sum
12.	(a)	routinely	(b)	scheduled	(c)	timetabled	(d)	habitually

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. a <u>ahsper</u> in English
- 2. think of a crnispooma
- 3. the word for this omaunt
- 4. astrophysicists and tmnoseaorsr
- 5. more than all the talehw
- 6. throughout humankind's eenitr history

Paragraph 2

- 7. a mind-bogglingly <u>autrnaggna</u> sum
- 8. civil-rights synoioilat
- 9. <u>eeatpmttd</u> murder
- 10. infliction of emotional isdsrest
- 11. <u>noyrsiacpc</u> to defraud
- 12. he is <u>lonruytie</u> overcharged for coffee

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

(1)	There is a phrase in English when someone gets a big salary that they earn "telephone
()	asking; and to add insult to injury, he is routinely overcharged for coffee at LaGuardia Airport.
()	infected" dog bit his finger on a city bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him without
()	dollars – a two followed by 36 zeros. The only people who are likely to need this $$
()	word are probably astrophysicists and astronomers. Two undecillion dollars is, in fact, more than all the money in the whole
()	murder, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conspiracy to defraud". Why? Well, it's because last month a "rabies-
()	as two local hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the transportation system, a bakery and even a dog
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()	sum? Quite a lot, it seems. The New York Post reports that Mr Purisima is suing the city (as well
()	numbers". A man in New York is suing the city (and others) for so much that it is almost impossible to think
()	world. Even more than all the wealth created throughout humankind's entire history.
()	owner) for "civil-rights violations, personal injury, discrimination in national origin, retaliation, harassment, fraud, attempted
()	not know or have heard of the word for this amount. That astronomical figure is two undecillion

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1.	man	York	the	Α	New	suing	in	is	city		
2.	to	a It	impos	ssible	of	almost	thir	nk	com	oarisor	n is.
3.	who	are	likely	to	need	this	wor	d 7	⁻he	only	people.
4.	than	mone	ey wh	ole	More	the	the	all	in	wor	ld.
5.	huma	ankind's	histo	ry	Wealth	throu	ıghout	: €	entire	crea	ated.
6.	a l	boggling	ly su	ch	- sur	n for	min	d (gargaı	ntuan	Sued.
7.	as	hospita	ls the	e w	ell lo	cal Sı	uing	as	two	o cit	y.
8.	defra	ud to	cons	spiracy	y and	d ,	distre	SS	Emo	tional.	
9.	photo	os wit	hout	A t	cook	him co	ouple	of	ask	ing (Chinese.
10.	is	overcha	rged	coffee	e He	routir	nely	for.			

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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There is a *phrase / phrasal* in English when someone gets a big salary that they earn "telephone numbers". A man in New York is *sued / suing* the city (and others) for so much that it is almost *impossibility / impossible* to think of a *comparison / compare*. Anton Purisima, 62, is suing for two undecillion. Over 99.99 per cent of English speakers would not know or have *hearing / heard* of the word for this amount. That *astronomical / astronomy* figure is two undecillion dollars – a two *follows / followed* by 36 zeros. The only people who are likely to *needy / need* this word are probably astrophysicists and astronomers. Two undecillion dollars is, in *fact / act*, more than all the money in the whole world. Even more than all the wealth created throughout humankind's *entire / entirely* history.

So what did New York City do so wrong to be *suing / sued* for such a mind-bogglingly gargantuan *some / sum*? Quite a lot, it seems. The New York Post reports that Mr Purisima is suing the city (as well *has / as* two local hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the *transportation / transporting* system, a bakery and even a dog owner) for "civil-rights violations, *private / personal* injury, discrimination in national *original / origin*, retaliation, harassment, fraud, *attempted / tried* murder, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conspiracy to defraud". Why? Well, it's because last month a "rabies-infected" dog *bite / bit* his finger on a city bus; then, a "Chinese couple" took photos of him *within / without* asking; and to add insult to *injury / injured*, he is routinely overcharged for coffee at LaGuardia Airport.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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there is a phrase in english when someone gets a big salary that they earn "telephone numbers" a man in new york is suing the city (and others) for so much that it is almost impossible to think of a comparison anton purisima 62 is suing for two undecillion over 9999 per cent of english speakers would not know or have heard of the word for this amount that astronomical figure is two undecillion dollars - a two followed by 36 zeros the only people who are likely to need this word are probably 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 humankind's entire history so what did new york city do so wrong to be sued for such a mind-bogglingly gargantuan sum quite a lot it seems the new york post reports that mr purisima is suing the city (as well as two local hospitals laguardia airport the transportation system a bakery and even a dog owner) for "civil-rights violations personal injury discrimination in national origin retaliation harassment fraud attempted murder intentional infliction of emotional distress and conspiracy to defraud" why well it's because last month a "rabies-infected" dog bit his finger on a city bus then a "chinese couple" took photos of him without asking and to add insult to injury he is routinely overcharged for coffee at laguardia airport

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

There should be a limit on the amount of compensation paid in law	vsuits. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about lawsuits. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. LAWSUITS:** Make a poster about lawsuits. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?
- **4. BEING SUED:** Write a magazine article about this case. Include imaginary interviews with the man suing the city, and with the city's lawyers.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

- **5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **6. LETTER:** Write a letter to lawyer. Ask him/her three questions about this lawsuit. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d F e T f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- phrase
 comparison
- 3. astronomical
- 4. figure
- 5. entire
- 6. sum
- 7. seems
- 8. retaliation
- 9. insult
- 10. routinely

- a. expression
- b. similarity
- c. huge
- d. number
- e. whole
- f. amount
- g. appears
- h. revenge
- i. offense
- j. regularly

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 1. Telephone numbers
- 2. 62
- 3. 36
- 4. Astronomers
- 5. It's more than all the money in the world
- 6. New York Post
- 7. Two
- 8. Emotional
- 9. A dog
- 10. It's overpriced

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)