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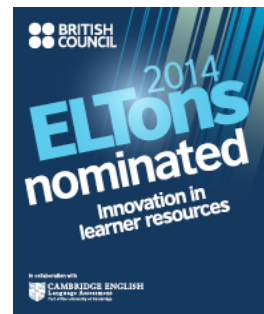
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LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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When (1) _____ 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 (2) _____. Anton Purisima, 62, is suing for two undecillion. Most English speakers (3) _____ have heard of the word for this amount. It is two undecillion - (4) _____ 36 zeros. The only people who might use this word are astrophysicists and astronomers. Two undecillion (5) _____ than all the money in the whole world. Even more than all the wealth created throughout (6) _____.

So what did New York City do so wrong (7) _____ an amazingly huge sum? Mr Purisima is suing the city (and local hospitals, LaGuardia Airport, the (8) _____, a bakery and a dog owner) for "(9) _____, personal injury, discrimination, retaliation, harassment, fraud, attempted 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 asking; and (12) _____ coffee at LaGuardia Airport.

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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) _____

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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.
