

# \$54 Million Pants? *Read text & complete worksheet*

## Quick Check - True, false or disputed?

1. The case concerns a pair of trousers *True*
2. Mr Pearson bought the trousers at Custom Cleaners. *False*
3. No trousers were returned to Mr Pearson *False*
4. The wrong trousers were returned to Mr Pearson *Disputed - Custom Cleaners deny this*
5. Mr Pearson asked Custom Cleaners for \$1000 dollars for his lost trousers. *True*
6. Mr Pearson went to court to ask for compensation. *True*
7. The judge agreed that the 'wrong trousers' affected Mr Pearson's mental health. *False*
8. The lawyer acting for Mr Pearson asks for millions of dollars. *True*
9. The key to the case is what is meant by 'satisfaction guaranteed' *True*
10. The judge did not accept that Mr Pearson's claim was reasonable *True*

## Understanding

*Which best describes Mr Pearson's case*

- a) He believes that Custom Cleaners deliberately damaged his trousers.
- b) He thinks that Custom Cleaners did not fulfil their promisee.**
- c) He just wants an apology

## Vocabulary

- I. A **garment** is something you can *a) wear* b) clean with
- II. A **lawsuit** is heard in a *a) court* b) a prison c) a hospital
- II. You receive **compensation** to *a) correct an injustice* b) reward you
- III. Something **frivolous** is *a) serious* b) **not serious** c) very loud
- IV. **Stripes** on trousers are: *a) circles* b) horizontal lines c) vertical lines
- IV. A **dry-cleaners** *a) makes* b) cleans c) dries clothes

## Notes

**Disputed** - where there are competing viewpoints

**Satisfaction guaranteed** - very vague phrase often used in sales. Very difficult to measure.

**Compensation** - Legally, compensation is complex but perhaps best to explained in terms of the original verb - meaning to correct a loss

**Frivolous** - Unserious normally used in negatively Legal definition is 'wasting the court's time' and is grounds for dismissal of a case.

Dry cleaners - uses a special process to clean garments like suits etc