

Task 3

- You are going to read an article about an enormous telephone bill. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (21-28).
- Then write these words on the dotted lines after the text in the appropriate form.
- You might find words that you do not have to change.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

ENORMOUS TELEPHONE BILL



A Malaysian man received a telephone bill for \$218 trillion (0) _____ (recent) for a telephone line he had disconnected in January. The bill, which was sent from Telekom Malaysia to Yahaya Wahib, included a request for (21) _____ (pay) within 10 days for the large amount. Wahib was also threatened with (22) _____ (prosecute) if he failed to pay the bill within the period given.

According to reports, Wahib, who lives in the (23) _____ (north) part of Malaysia, had his father's phone disconnected after his (24) _____ (die) in January. At that time he paid the outstanding bill. In April he received a further bill from the telephone company telling him he owed \$218 trillion for (25) _____ (call) made from his father's phone. Wahib is quoted as saying he (26) _____ (near) fainted when he saw the charge against him.

It is (27) _____ (clear) whether the bill was a mistake or whether the phone had been (28) _____ (illegal) used over the period. Telekom Malaysia, the country's largest telecommunications company, is said to be looking into the case. Wahib, on the other hand, is ready to face legal action if necessary.