3 GRAMMAR comparative adjectives

a Look at the adjectives in the quiz sentences. In pairs, answer the questions.

Using adjectives to compare two things:

1 What two letters do you put at the end of one-syllable adjectives (e.g., *cold*)?
2 Why is *big* different?
3 What happens when an adjective ends in *-y*?
4 What word do you put in front of long adjectives (e.g., *dangerous*)?
5 What's the comparative form of *good* and *bad*?
6 What's the missing word?
   China is bigger ___ Japan.

4 PRONUNCIATION

/ər/, sentence stress

a (4 48)) Listen to the eight quiz sentences from **2**. How is *-er* pronounced at the end of a word?

b Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the <u>rhythm</u>.

5 SPEAKING

➤ **Communication** *Quiz Night* **A** p.105 **B** p.110. Play *Quiz Night*.

6 READING

a Read about three quiz shows. Do you have the same or similar shows in your country? Do you enjoy them?

b Now read about Ken Jennings. Why is he the best quiz contestant in the country?

c Read the article again and complete it with a verb from the list in the simple past.

   answer   ask   be   become   get
   give   know   play   win

d With a partner, look at the <mark>highlighted</mark> words in the texts related to quiz shows and guess their meaning.

e Would you like to be a contestant on a quiz show? Which one?

Jeopardy!

A quiz show where three <mark>contestants</mark> answer <mark>general knowledge</mark> questions about many different subjects. Correct answers must be in the form of a question. The contestant with the most money at the end <mark>wins</mark>.

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

A quiz show where contestants can win a maximum <mark>prize</mark> of one million dollars if they can answer multiple choice questions that become more and more difficult. Contestants can usually get help three ways: They can ask the <mark>audience</mark>, reduce the four choices to two, or call a friend.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

A quiz show where contestants answer questions about subjects that 5th-grade students learn in school. If contestants need help, they ask actual 5th-grade students who are part of the show. When contestants give an incorrect answer or leave the game, they must say, "I'm not smarter than a 5th grader."

Q Who is the best quiz contestant in the country?

A Ken Jennings

In 2004, Ken Jennings, a 30-year-old software engineer, ¹ _won_ more games than anybody in US quiz show history. He ² _____ a 74-game winner on *Jeopardy!* and won over $2.5 million!

But *Jeopardy!* ³ _____ not the only quiz show he appeared on. In 2008, Ken, <mark>competed</mark> on *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* He ⁴ _____ all the questions except the last one because he wasn't sure he ⁵ _____ the answer. He didn't win and had to say, "I'm not smarter than a 5th grader."

Ken was never a contestant on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, but he was an "expert"—a person with a lot of knowledge. When contestants needed help, they ⁶ _____ Ken.

In 2011, Ken ⁷ _____ *Jeopardy!* again. But this time he competed against past *Jeopardy!* <mark>champion</mark> Brad Rutter and Watson, an IBM supercomputer. In a two-game match, Watson <mark>beat</mark> both Ken and Brad. Ken was second and ⁸ _____ $300,000, which he ⁹ _____ to a charity.