Quiz night

1 VOCABULARY high numbers

a Read three questions from a radio quiz show. Choose the right answer for each question.

1 What is the approximate population of Vietnam?
   a 68,000,000
   b 78,000,000
   c 88,000,000

2 How many calories are there in a Big Mac?
   a 670
   b 540
   c 305

3 How far is it from New York City to Los Angeles?
   a about 2,500 miles
   b about 1,500 miles
   c about 3,100 miles

b)) Listen and check. How do you say the three answers?

c ▶ Vocabulary Bank *Days and numbers*. Do part 4.

d Look at the numbers below. Correct the mistakes.

175	a hundred seventy-five
2,150	two thousand and one hundred and fifty
3,009	three thousand nine
20,000	twenty thousands
3,000,000	three millions

e)) Listen and write the ten numbers you hear.

f Answer the questions with a partner.
1 What's the population of your town / city?
2 What's the population of your country?
3 How far is it from your town / city to…?
   a New York City
   b London

2 LISTENING

a)) What quiz shows are popular in your country? Listen to the introduction to a quiz show called *Quiz Night*. Answer the questions.

1 How long do the contestants have to say if the sentences are true or false?
2 How much do they win if they get…?
   a the first answer right _____   c the third answer right _____
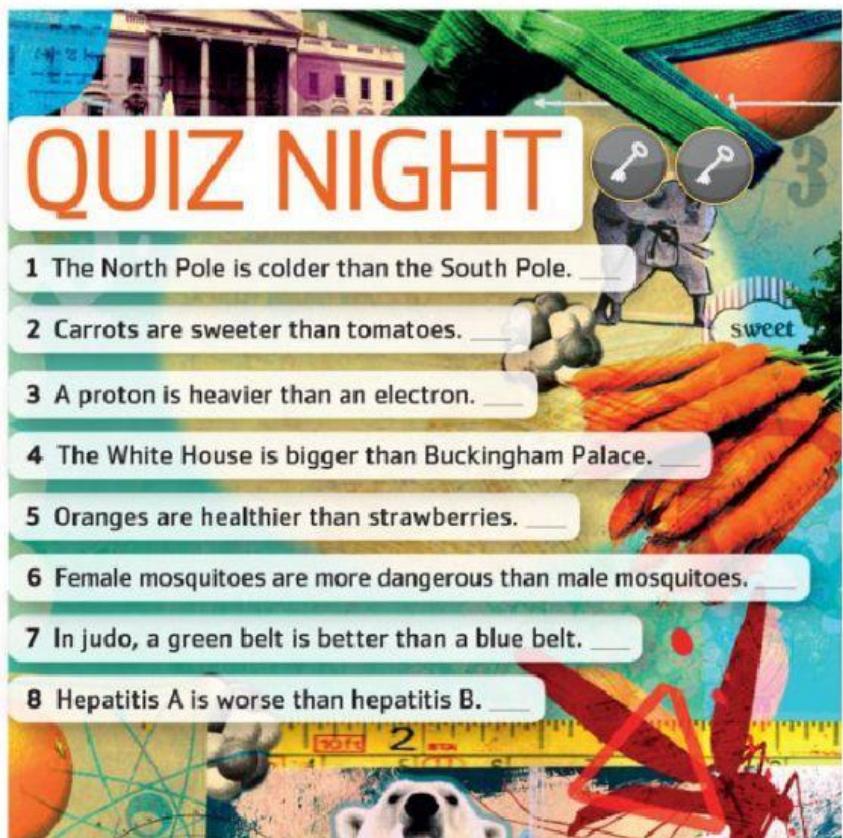   b the second answer right _____   d all eight answers right _____
3 If they get an answer wrong, how much do they lose?
4 What can a contestant do if they are not sure of the answer?

b In pairs, look at the sentences from *Quiz Night*. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false).

c)) Listen to a contestant on *Quiz Night*. Check your answers to **b**. How much does she win?

d Listen again for why the answers are true or false. Write down any numbers you hear.

QUIZ NIGHT

1 The North Pole is colder than the South Pole. ____
2 Carrots are sweeter than tomatoes. ____
3 A proton is heavier than an electron. ____
4 The White House is bigger than Buckingham Palace. ____
5 Oranges are healthier than strawberries. ____
6 Female mosquitoes are more dangerous than male mosquitoes. ____
7 In judo, a green belt is better than a blue belt. ____
8 Hepatitis A is worse than hepatitis B. ____

sweet

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.

b ► **Grammar Bank.** Learn more about comparative adjectives and practice them.

4 PRONUNCIATION
/ər/, sentence stress

a �))) 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 rhythm.

5 READING

a Read about three quiz shows. Do you have the same or similar shows in your country? Do you enjoy them?
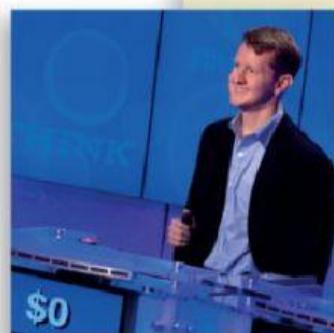
b Now read about Ken Jennings. Why is he the best quiz contestant in the country?

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 highlighted words in the texts related to quiz shows and guess their meaning.

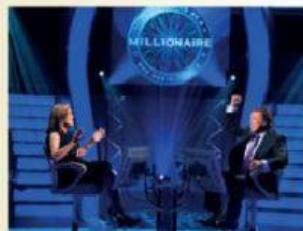**e** Would you like to be a contestant on a quiz show? Which one?

Jeopardy!

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

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

A quiz show where contestants can win a maximum prize 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 audience, 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, competed 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!* champion Brad Rutter and Watson, an IBM supercomputer. In a two-game match, Watson beat both Ken and Brad. Ken was second and [8]_____ $300,000, which he [9]_____ to a charity.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

GRAMMAR BANK

comparative adjectives

Is your sister **older than** you?
Buckingham Palace is **bigger than** the White House.
Female mosquitoes are **more dangerous than** males.
My new job is **better than** my old one.
The traffic is always **worse** in the evening.

- Use comparative adjectives + *than* to compare two things, people, etc.

adjective	comparative	spelling
old cheap	old**er** cheap**er**	one-syllable adjectives: add -er
big hot	big**ger** hot**ter**	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant, add -er
dry healthy	dr**ier** health**ier**	one- or two-syllable adjectives ending consonant + y > -ier
famous expensive	**more** famous **more** expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives: *more* + adjective
good bad far	**better** **worse** **farther / further**	irregular

a Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

big	*bigger*
1 high	_____
2 dirty	_____
3 dangerous	_____
4 good	_____
5 thin	_____
6 slow	_____
7 healthy	_____
8 far	_____
9 comfortable	_____
10 bad	_____

b Complete with a comparative adjective + *than*.

My sister is *younger than* me. She's only 18. (young)
1 The farmer's market is _____ the supermarket for vegetables. (cheap)
2 Italian is _____ for Spanish students _____ it is for English students. (easy)
3 It rains a lot in the spring. April is _____ July. (wet)
4 This restaurant is _____ when it first opened. (busy)
5 Come in the summer. The weather is _____ in the spring. (good)
6 I love science. I find it _____ history. (interesting)
7 Cuzco is _____ from the ocean _____ Lima. (far)
8 I'm _____ my brother. He's very tall. (short)
9 The situation is _____ it was last year. (bad)
10 Skiing is _____ I thought it was. (difficult)

VOCABULARY BANK

HIGH NUMBERS

a Write the missing words or numbers.

_105_	a / one hundred and five
_____	two hundred
350	three hundred and _____
875	eight hundred _____ seventy-five
1,000	a / one thousand /ˈθaʊznd/
_____	one thousand five hundred
2,012	two thousand and _____
5,420	five thousand four _____ and twenty
_____	twenty-five thousand
100,000	a / one hundred _____
1,000,000	a / one million /ˈmɪlyən/
2,300,000	two million _____ hundred thousand

b))) Listen and check.