

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 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 rhythm.

5 SPEAKING

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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 **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.

Online Practice

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