

Quiz night

Is the US bigger than Mexico?

Yes, it's five times bigger.

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 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. _____

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.



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	older cheaper	one-syllable adjectives: add -er
big hot	bigger hotter	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant, add -er
dry healthy	drier healthier	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

b Complete with a comparative adjective + *than*.

a Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

- big *bigger*
- high _____
 - dirty _____
 - dangerous _____
 - good _____
 - thin _____
 - slow _____
 - healthy _____
 - far _____
 - comfortable _____
 - bad _____

- My sister is *younger than* me. She's only 18. (young)
- The farmer's market is _____ the supermarket for vegetables. (cheap)
 - Italian is _____ for Spanish students _____ it is for English students. (easy)
 - It rains a lot in the spring. April is _____ July. (wet)
 - This restaurant is _____ when it first opened. (busy)
 - Come in the summer. The weather is _____ in the spring. (good)
 - I love science. I find it _____ history. (interesting)
 - Cuzco is _____ from the ocean _____ Lima. (far)
 - I'm _____ my brother. He's very tall. (short)
 - The situation is _____ it was last year. (bad)
 - 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 /'θaʊznd/
_____ 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 /'mɪljən/
2,300,000 two million _____ hundred thousand

b Listen and check.

1,000