

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

[ACTOR EDITION]

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INTRODUCTION - JANE

HOST and JANE walk in up the aisle and wave to the audience. They then take their seats in the centre of the studio and wait for the audience to quiet down.

HOST

Hello, and welcome to tonight's episode of "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire". Now back from last night's show is my contestant here Jane Andrews, a retail agent from Worcester, was on sixteen thousand pounds, and has used up all of her lifelines. Jane describes herself as a fun loving individual, and if she comes out of here with a lot of money tonight, she plans to spend it traveling.

HOST

Now Jane, you did say that, I mean obviously you would feel fabulous if you reach a million pounds, but you said that you must definitely reach at least thirty-two thousand pounds.

JANE

That's right.

HOST

Why this sum in particular?

JANE

I want to make sure that I'll have a guaranteed sum just in case I get a further answer wrong. Besides, it would be enough for a trip around Europe and America, which is what I'm hoping for.

HOST

Let's get you started then. Quick recap on proceedings - fifteen questions, one million pounds. She can walk away at any time she likes with the money she has. If she gives me a right answer and her money goes up but gives me a wrong answer and she could lose a lot. She has no lifelines remaining.

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HOST
OK Jane, are you ready?

JANE
Yep.

HOST
OK, fingers crossed Jane. Let's
play Who Wants To Be A
Millionaire.

They wait for the music cue.

2 QUESTIONS: JANE

HOST
This is question number 10, out
of the possible 15.

HOST
What is the Sanskrit word for
'union'? Mandala, Yoga, Karma,
Manthra.

(pause)
It's worth a guaranteed
thirty-two thousand.

JANE
Oh my god... I did yoga when I
was younger.. but I don't
remember what most of them
actually mean... It's definitely
not manthra or karma.

HOST
How come?

JANE
...I know what karma is... and
manthra was something involving
your personal sign.

HOST
Take your time.

Pause.

JANE
I think I'm going to go with
Yoga.

HOST
You lose fifteen thousand if
you're wrong. Take your time.

Pause.

JANE

No, it has to be. We were all there as one in yoga... union.

(pause)

Yeah, definitely yoga.

HOST

Final answer?

JANE

Final answer.

HOST

Jane, you could have walked away with sixteen thousand pounds tonight.

(pause)

Not anymore. You've just won thirty-two thousand pounds!

Long graphics sequence. Wait for music cue.

HOST

Yep. Mandala was a type of yoga, literally translated as "circle".

OK Jane, you now have thirty-two thousand pounds guaranteed and only five to go for a million. How'd you feel?

JANE

Fantastic, absolutely fantastic. Such a relief. So motivated now.

HOST

Good to hear. You have thirty-two guaranteed, you've got nothing to lose so you might as well play. This is question eleven for sixty-four thousand. Take a look.

HOST

In the American presidential election, the state of California is worth 65 points. Which state is the next most important?

Long pause while JANE looks at the question.

JANE

I haven't got a clue. I really haven't.

HOST
Take your time, you've got
nothing to lose.

Long pause. JANE shrugs.

JANE
A.

HOST
Any particular reason?

JANE
No.
(laughs)

HOST
No idea at all?

JANE
Nothing. A... Final answer.

HOST
You know... relying on luck is
not exactly the smartest thing to
do, Jane.

JANE
Yeah...

HOST
Looks like it's worked this time
though - you've just won
sixty-four thousand pounds!

HOST writes out a cheque while music is playing.

HOST
That's it Jane. It's
yours. Take it.

JANE reaches over to take the cheque shakily.

HOST
Happy?

JANE laughs, looking at the cheque. HOST impersonates her
laugh.

HOST
I should think so. You could add
Asia to Europe and America on
your adventures, am I right?

JANE is lost for words. She nods.

HOST

Shall we look at the next question?

JANE

It wouldn't hurt.

HOST

Don't be so sure until you've seen it. OK Jane, serious money now - the next question is worth one-hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds. You do not have to play this question, you can walk away with sixty-four. Let's have a look at question number twelve.

HOST

What is the most famous avatar of the Hindu God Vishnu? Rama, Ganesh, Narayana, Krishna.

(pause)

It's worth one-hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds.

Long pause while JANE considers options.

JANE

I have absolutely no idea.

HOST

That's what you said last time.

JANE

(laughs)

I know but if I got it wrong I wouldn't lose anything.

HOST

Take your time. There's nothing on my screen.

Long pause while JANE considers options again.

JANE

No, I've had a good time here, I've gotten further than I wanted... I'll take the money.

HOST

Sure?

JANE

(looks at question, then nods)

Yeah, definitely. Take the money and run.

HOST
Final answer?

JANE
Final answer.

HOST
OK, give her a big hand - Jane
Andrews goes away with sixty-four
thousand pounds!

They wait for audience applause to die down.

HOST
And I'm sure it doesn't matter at
all now, since you had no idea.

JANE
Not at all, no.

HOST
The right answer was actually
Krishna.

JANE
No idea, absolutely no idea.

HOST
You did the right thing
there. Jane Andrews everybody,
who goes away sixty-four thousand
pounds better off.

JANE gets up, waves at the audience, walks off. HOST wait
for music cue.

HOST
So that's our first contestant
tonight walking away sixty-four
thousand pounds better off. Join
us after the break where we'll
meet our next contestant hoping
to win their way to a cool
million pounds. Don't go away.

3 AD BREAK 1/2 - 3MINS

Reset, feedback from gallery to audience, actors & crew.

HOST move to aisle entrance.

4 INTRODUCTION - TODD

HOST waits for applause to die down.

HOST

Hello, welcome back the second part of tonight's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. It's been an exciting ride tonight with Jane Andrews just going back to Worcester with sixty-four thousand pounds. Now it's time to meet our second contestant, Todd!

TODD walks in, meets up with the HOST and they both make their way to the seats.

Wait for music cue.

HOST

Alright, let's go again, this is Todd Matthews, an outdoor activities lecturer and enthusiast at the university of Plymouth. Watching at home is his girlfriend Sylvia, they both enjoy spending quite time together, since Todd's job is, as he describes it, "pretty extreme". The two of them are hoping to invest in a new house in the suburbs, possibly accompanied with a nice young maid.

(laughs)

He also said that if he manages to reach a million, he would do his best to spoil his girlfriend. How would you do this Todd?

TODD

Traveling to places that don't involve a tetanus jab and dangling off cliffs.

(laughs)

A nice place, where someone can actually relax, with a nice book and good company. My parents haven't been abroad either, so it would be nice if I could finance a whole family trip to Hawaii for example... Or maybe a pair of nice shoes.

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HOST

A nice pair of shoes verses a trip to Hawaii, I wonder what she's choose?

(beat)

OK then, let's get started.

Remember just fifteen questions seperate you from that nice pair of shoes and maybe your trip to Hawaii. You do, as always have all three lifelines: fifty-fifty, phone-a-friend and ask this lovely, lovely audience. OK Todd, best of luck, let's play Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.

Natural pause for cameras to reset.

5 QUESTIONS UP TO 1K: TODD

HOST

Question one for one hundred pounds. Here it is.

Which of these locations has the largest area of land? Ireland, France, Russia, The Isle of White.

TODD

That would be Russia.

HOST

It's good. You've got one hundred pounds.

Wait for audience to quiet down.

HOST

Question two for two hundred quid.

In which country did Reggae music originate? Thailand, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Holland.

TODD

That's C - Jamaica.

HOST

You've got two hundred pounds.

Wait for audience to quiet down.

HOST

Question number three for three hundred.

Which metal out of the following is the heaviest? Gold, Tin, Silver, Copper.

TODD

My girlfriend's a chemistry student, so Silvia this one's for you. It's Gold.

HOST

Nice to see an educated woman in your life, Todd. You've got three hundred pounds.

Wait for audience to quiet down.

HOST

Question four, only two away from a guarantee thousand.

Which famous gold player's mother is from Thailand? James Woods, Tiger Woods, Whispy Woods, The Hundred Acre Woods.

TODD

I have no idea about golf, but out of those I'd have to say it's Tiger Woods.

HOST

Not the Hundred Acre Woods?

TODD

(laughs)

No.

HOST

You're right, you have five hundred pounds.

Wait for audience to quiet down.

HOST

OK Todd, last point where you could go home with nothing, I'm sure won't happen. Question number five for one thousand pounds.

Which of these instruments did jazz musician Miles Davis play? Saxophone, Piano, Clarinet, Trumpet.

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Pause whilst TODD looks confused.

HOST
You don't look so happy.

TODD
I thought these questions were
supposed to be easy.
(laughs)
I'm not sure...

HOST
You have got all three lifelines.

TODD
Yeah - I'm going to have to go
with fifty-fifty.

HOST
That's fine, that's what
lifelines are for.
(look at camera)
Computer, take away two random
wrong answers, leave Todd with
the right answer and the one
remaining wrong answer.

Long pause. Todd looks disappointed.

TODD
Well that doesn't help me that
much. I was hoping for either
one of those to go... damn...
(pause)
I'm going to have to ask the
audience on this one.

HOST
OK, audience, let's see if we can
Todd up to a thousand pounds.

Wait for music cue.

HOST
This is the question: Which of
these instruments did jazz
musician Miles Davis play? A on
your keypads is Saxophone, D is
trumpet. All vote now.

Pause, wait for vote box.

HOST
Well... fourteen percent reckon
saxophone, ninety-six thinks he
played a trumpet.

TODD

Well that's pretty decisive,
isn't it?

HOST

Well, they have been wrong in the
past. It's your call.

Todd thinks.

TODD

Yeah, I'll go with the audience
with this one. I'll go with
trumpet.

HOST

Final answer?

TODD

Final answer.

HOST

(pause)

You didn't know it - you're going
purely on an audience
decision. Do you think they're
right?

TODD shrugs, looking nervous.

HOST

Well it's look like they like you
tonight - you've just won a
thousand pounds!

Long sequence. Wait for audience to quiet down.

6 QUESTIONS 1K+: TODD

HOST

Things got a bit hairy there,
didn't they?

TODD

I am so relieved. I really
thought I'd be the one to go home
with nothing.

HOST

Well there's no chance of that
anymore - you have a thousand
pounds, that's guaranteed. You
have just five questions to your
next guaranteed sum of thirty-two
thousand, and only ten questions
separate you from one million

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HOST (cont'd)
pounds. You have one lifeline
remaining to help you out, that's
phone-a-friend.

Are you ready to keep going?

TODD
Yup.

HOST
OK, let's have a look at
this. Next is question number
six for two thousand pounds -
have a look.

HOST
What is a rhino's horn made
of? Muscle, Hair, Concrete,
Bone.

TODD
Hair.

HOST
(beat)
You seem quite confident on that
one, how do you know?

TODD
No idea. From school?

HOST
Final answer?

TODD
Yep.

HOST
You're right - you have two
thousand pounds.

Wait for music cue.

TODD
That was a random piece of
knowledge that came useful.

HOST
A random piece of knowledge worth
two thousand pounds, Todd. Have
a look at the next question -
it's worth four-thousand pounds.

Which Arabic name translates into
English as "Servant of
God"? Abdullah, Mohammed, Jafar,
Aladdin.

Long pause while TODD looks at the answers.

TODD
I think I'll have to
phone-a-friend on this one.

HOST
OK, which friend?

TODD
Amar... he'll know it.

HOST
OK, let's phone Amar.

Wait for phone to ring.

AMAR
Hello?

HOST
Amar?

AMAR
Yeah...

HOST
It's Andy Cantillon here, good
evening!

AMAR
Wow - hello Andy. How are you?

HOST
Fine thank you. As you've
probably worked out I've got Todd
here in the hot seat - he's doing
well but he's stuck on a
particular question, it's worth
four thousand pounds. He reckons
you know it.

AMAR
Right...

HOST
Sounding confident there. OK,
next voice you'll hear is Todd,
he'll give you the question and
the four possible
answers. Ready, Amar?

AMAR
Yeah...

HOST

Fantastic. Todd, best of luck,
thirty seconds, your time starts
now.

Countdown clock, you have until it says 9 seconds.

TODD

Alright mate. Which Arabic name
translates into English as
"Servant of God"? A - Abdullah,
B - Mohammed, C- Jafar, D -
Alladin.

Pause while AMAR considers.

AMAR

I think it's Mohammed, mate.

TODD

Sure?

AMAR

Bout ninety-five percent sure,
mate. Mohammed.

TODD

Safe mate, thanks.

AMAR

See you!

Amar hangs up.

TODD

That's what I thought it was,
too.

HOST

You trust your friend a lot,
don't you?

TODD

Yeah, he's the one I go to if I'm
confused. Mohammed, final
answer.

Long pause.

HOST

Do you think it's right?

TODD

I hope so...?

Pause.

HOST

We'll take a break - join us soon
for the third part of tonight's
Who Wants To Be A Millionaire,
don't go away.

7 AD BREAK 2/2 - 3MINS

Reset, feedback from gallery to audience, actors & crew.

8 TODD'S DOWNFALL

Wait for audience to quiet down.

HOST

Hello, and welcome back to the
third and final part of Who Wants
To Be A Millionaire. Before the
break Todd here was on two
thousand pounds, got a bit stuck
and asked his friend Amar for
help on the question 'Which
Arabic name translates into
English as "Servant of
God"?' Amar said it was
'Mohammad', which backed up
Todd's initial hunch.

Pause.

HOST

Todd, you had two thousand
pounds...

(pause)

You've just lost a thousand, the
right answer was Abdullah.

TODD

Oh...

HOST

Ah well, luck wasn't on your side
tonight. Give him a big hand
everyone, Todd here walks away
one thousand pounds better off.

Actors wait for applause to die down.

HOST

Maybe you can buy those shoes
now.

TODD

(laughs)

Yeah, for both me and Silvia.

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HOST

Fantastic. Give it up for Todd everyone.

TODD gets up and walks out. HOST gets up and stands at the aisle. Wait for audience.

HOST

Thank you all so much for watching, I'm afraid that's all we have time for tonight, but don't forget to join us next week for another exciting edition of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire!

HOST stay at aisle until told otherwise by floor manager.