

1 Guess the story of *Slumdog Millionaire*.

1 What does the title mean?

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2 Who are the people in the book?

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3 Where does the story happen?

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4 What will happen in the story?

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5 Will it have a sad or a happy end?

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2a Answer the *Who Will Win a Billion?* quiz questions from the book.

1 Which popular film did Armaan Ali star with Priya Kapoor for the very first time?

A: *Fire*

B: *Hero*

C: *Hunger*

D: *Disappointment*

2 What are the letters that are normally written on the top of a Christian cross?

A: IRNI

B: INRI

C: RINI

D: NIRI

3 Which is the smallest planet in our solar system?

A: Pluto

B: Mars

C: Neptune

D: Mercury

4 Which one of these famous singers was blind?

A: Paramanand Das

B: Surdas

C: Nand Das

D: Kishori Amonkar

5 What is the phrase a government uses to describe a foreign diplomat who has not done their job correctly and must leave the country?

A: *habeas corpus*

B: *caveat emptor*

C: *tabula rasa*

D: *persona non grata*

6 What is the capital of Papua New Guinea?

A: Port Louis

B: Port-au-Prince

C: Port Moresby

D: Port Adelaide

7 Who invented the revolver?

A: Samuel Colt

B: Bruce Browning

C: Dan Wesson

D: James Revolver

8 Which is the highest award given to a soldier in the Indian army?

A: Maha Vir Chakra

B: Param Vir Chakra

C: Shaurya Chakra

D: Ashok Chakra

9 In cricket, how many centuries has Sachin Malvankar scored for India?

A: 34

B: 35

C: 36

D: 37

10 Neelima Kumari, the Tragedy Queen, won the National Award for best actor in which year?

A: 1984

B: 1988

C: 1986

D: 1985

11 In which play by William Shakespeare do we find a character called Costard?

A: *King Lear*

B: *The Merchant of Venice*

C: *Love's Labour's Lost*

D: *Othello*

12 Mumtaz Mahal was the wife of Emperor Shahjahan and he built the Taj Mahal in her memory. What was the name of Mumtaz Mahal's father?

A: Mirza Ali Kuli Beg **B:** Sirajuddaulah

C: Asaf Jah **D:** Abdur Rahim Khan Khanan

13 What is the popular name of Beethoven's Piano Sonata Number 14?

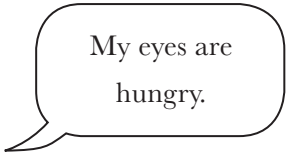
A: Moonlight **B:** Starlight


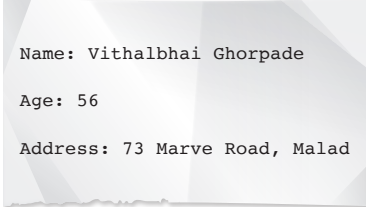
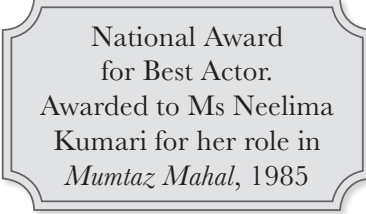

C: Sunlight **D:** Midnight

2b How was Ram able to answer these questions? Write 1–13 next to these events.


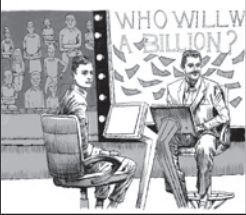

- a** A man Ram met in a bunker said he should have won it in the first India-Pakistan war.
- b** A sad man in the bar told Ram about visiting two of the other places.
- c** He was Ram's friend Salim's favourite actor before he put his hand on his leg at the cinema.
- d** It was the name given to his neighbour Gudiya's cat by her father, who was an astronomer.
- e** It was written on the gun of the train robber, who Ram shot.
- f** It was written above a statue in his adopted father's church.
- g** Ram and Salim learnt his songs as they were going to be made blind so that they could beg.
- h** Ram got the answer by phoning the teacher to whom he gave money to save his son's life in Agra.
- i** Ram had worked as a guide for two years at the Taj Mahal.
- j** The actor that Ram worked for died holding the award.
- k** The man who Salim worked for was angry when he lost a bet on him getting his 37th century.
- l** The presenter told Ram the answer.
- m** This happened to the Australian diplomat Ram worked for when he was caught spying.



3 Read the messages from the book and answer the questions.

Message	What type of message is it?	Where do we find it in the story?	Why is it important?
 <p>My eyes are hungry.</p>			

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 <p>Conn USA DR 24691 Colt</p>			
 <p>Name: Vithalbhai Ghorpade Age: 56 Address: 73 Marve Road, Malad</p>			
 <p>National Award for Best Actor. Awarded to Ms Neelima Kumari for her role in <i>Mumtaz Mahal</i>, 1985</p>			
 <p>Entry: Indians 20 rupees, Foreigners 20 dollars, Mondays closed, Fridays free</p>			

4 Look at the pictures of some important scenes in the story. Complete the table.

Scene	Who is in the scene?	What is happening?	What happens next?
			
			
			

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5 How would the story be different in the following situations? Use the words in the box to help you write your answers.

disabled adopted revolver contestant Muslim lawyer

1 If Ram hadn't been left in a bin,...

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2 Salim's family wouldn't have been killed if...

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3 If Ram and Salim hadn't run away from Mr Pillai,...

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4 Prem Kumar wouldn't have helped Ram...

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5 If Ram hadn't won the quiz and all the money,...

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6 Ram wouldn't have been freed,...

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6a Write your own quiz questions. Write one question and four possible answers for each of the following subjects:

music books art science history sport

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C:	D:
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6b Play the quiz in class. You can use the help options from the *Who Will Win a Billion?* quiz.



Call a Friend



Half and Half



Ask the Audience

7 There is a famous case of two people cheating in the British *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* quiz. Do some online research and write a report about it.

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