

Games

Games, contests, and competitions

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

In the film *Slumdog Millionaire*, the main character, Jamal Malik, is a contestant on India's version of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* In celebration of our India theme, let's play an adapted version of the popular game where everyone can be a millionaire.

Number of players: This game is best played in groups of eight or more.

Setup:

- Print the [set of questions and answers](#) for the game host. The first question is worth \$500, and the last question is worth \$1,000,000. The questions get progressively more difficult. There are enough questions to play four rounds.
- Make four answer cards for each player by writing the letters *A*, *B*, *C*, and *D* on index cards.
- Write players' names down the side of a whiteboard so you can record scores.
- Write *50/50* three times across the bottom of the board. Players may choose to use this as a lifeline. (See directions below.)

The object of the game is to win \$1,000,000 or to earn more money than the other players by correctly answering questions.

Let's play!

1. Read the first question and the four possible answers. Ask players to hold up the letter that corresponds to their answer. No calling out of the answer.
2. Record the dollar amount (\$500 in this case) next to the names of all the players who got it right.
3. If a player answers incorrectly at any point in the game, their score is changed to \$0, and their game is over.
4. Read the second question (worth \$1,000) and ask players to again select an answer. If a player's answer is correct, and they have \$500 next to their name, change their dollar amount to \$1,000. Repeat this process moving forward.
5. Any player may ask to use one of the three *50/50* lifelines at any time during a game. However, a majority of all players must agree to use the lifeline. If the majority of players agree (by a simple show of hands), then take away two of the incorrect answers and cross off one of the *50/50* lifelines. If not, then the players must select one of the four options.
6. If the player is unsure of an answer and does not wish to provide one, they can choose to "walk away." Their score at this point is their final score.
7. Play continues until a player or players answer the \$1,000,000 question, all players have "walked away," or all players have been eliminated by answering incorrectly.
8. The person with the highest dollar amount next to their name at the end of the game is the winner.
9. Read any remaining questions for extra fun.



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Trivia, Set 1

\$500: What is the shape of a stop sign?

- A. Square
- B. Circle
- C. Triangle
- D. Octagon

Answer: D. Octagon

\$1,000: Who is known for saying, "I have a dream"?

- A. Benjamin Franklin
- B. Martin Luther King Jr.
- C. J. Edgar Hoover
- D. The lady down the block

Answer: B. Martin Luther King Jr.

\$2,000: What is "The Great White Way"?

- A. The nickname for Broadway in New York City
- B. The ocean waves off of Australia
- C. A gigantic piece of paper in Austin, Texas
- D. Rows of white lilies

Answer: A. The nickname for Broadway in New York City

\$3,000: What plant, according to legend, screams when the root is dug up?

- A. Daffodil
- B. Carrots
- C. Mandrake
- D. Rutabaga

Answer: C. Mandrake

\$5,000: What is a cross between a lion and a tiger called?

- A. Tion
- B. Geron
- C. Liger
- D. There is no such animal

Answer: C. Liger

\$7,000: What is the currency of Mexico?

- A. Yen
- B. Peso
- C. Franc
- D. Euro

Answer: B. Peso

\$10,000: In what country is Cradle Mountain National Park?

- A. Canada
- B. United States
- C. Australia
- D. South Africa

Answer: C. Australia

\$20,000: What famous diamond is housed in the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.?

- A. Hope Diamond
- B. Cullian Diamond
- C. Blue Moon Diamond
- D. Golden Jubilee Diamond

Answer: A. Hope Diamond

\$30,000: Nelson Mandela was imprisoned in what island prison?

- A. Robben Island
- B. Rikers Island
- C. Treasure Island
- D. Prison Island

Answer: A. Robben Island

\$50,000: How many times did Björn Borg win the Men's Tennis Singles at Wimbledon?

- A. Zero times
- B. One time
- C. Five times
- D. Ten times

Answer: C. Five times

\$100,000: Which Spanish artist was famous for co-founding the Cubist movement?

- A. Salvador Dali
- B. Pablo Picasso
- C. Michelangelo
- D. Antoni Tapies

Answer: B. Pablo Picasso

\$250,000: If you saw unique whorls, arches, and loops, what would you be studying?

- A. Geometry
- B. Architecture
- C. Fingerprints
- D. Law

Answer: C. Fingerprints

\$500,000: What is a lollipop man or woman in the UK?

- A. Ice cream truck worker
- B. Candy maker
- C. Postal worker
- D. School crossing guard/patrol officer

Answer: D. School crossing guard/patrol officer

\$1,000,000: What river passes through Madrid?

- A. Manzanares
- B. Tagus
- C. Danube
- D. Reno

Answer: A. Manzanares



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Trivia, Set 2

\$500: Where is Big Ben located?

- A. Paris, France
- B. St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- C. London, England
- D. Sidney, Australia

Answer: C. London, England

\$1,000: What month contains the first official day of summer in the northern hemisphere?

- A. December
- B. June
- C. August
- D. July

Answer: B. June

\$2,000: What gem does a cubic zirconia purport to resemble?

- A. Diamond
- B. Emerald
- C. Ruby
- D. Sapphire

Answer: A. Diamond

\$3,000: If you are using pinking shears, what are you cutting?

- A. Hair
- B. Metal
- C. Flowers
- D. Fabric

Answer: D. Fabric

\$5,000: What is glass mostly made up of?

- A. Tar
- B. Water
- C. Sand
- D. Salt

Answer: C. Sand

\$7,000: A group of crows is called what?

- A. A flock
- B. A pod
- C. A murder
- D. An annoyance

Answer: C. A murder

\$10,000: Where can you find the smallest bone in your body?

- A. Ear
- B. Hand
- C. Foot
- D. Ankle

Answer: A. Ear

\$20,000: Who said, "I think, therefore I am"?

- A. Aristotle
- B. Constantine
- C. Alexander the Great
- D. Descartes

Answer: D. Descartes

\$30,000: What freshwater lake is the largest in the world?

- A. Lake Victoria
- B. Lake Superior
- C. Lake Huron
- D. Lake Ontario

Answer: B. Lake Superior

\$50,000: Where is the world's most ancient forest?

- A. Australia
- B. California, USA
- C. Poland and Belarus
- D. New Zealand

Answer: A. Australia (Daintree Rainforest)

\$100,000: What type of bulb was once exchanged as a form of currency?

- A. Amaryllis
- B. Daffodil
- C. Tulip
- D. Canna

Answer: C. Tulip

\$250,000: What early form of writing was invented by the Sumerians?

- A. Oracle bone inscriptions
- B. Hieroglyphics
- C. Native signs
- D. Cuneiform

Answer: D. Cuneiform

\$500,000: In the 1940 epic classic *The Thief of Bagdad*, who portrayed the djinn (genie)?

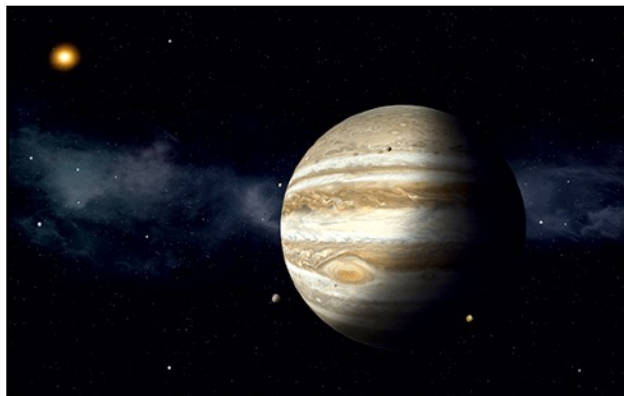
- A. Sabu
- B. Rex Ingram
- C. Conrad Veidt
- D. John Justin

Answer: B. Rex Ingram

\$1,000,000: Of the Galilean moons of Jupiter, which is named after a mythical heroine who was turned into a cow?

- A. Io
- B. Medusa
- C. Achilles
- D. Europa

Answer: A. Io



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Trivia, Set 3

\$500: What shape is a watermelon?

- A. Triangle
- B. Hexagon
- C. Oval
- D. Square

Answer: C. Oval

\$1,000: Who was Harry Houdini?

- A. A gangster
- B. An ice cream salesman
- C. A lion tamer
- D. An escape artist

Answer: D. An escape artist

\$2,000: Who played the lead in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*?

- A. Jimmy Stewart
- B. James Caan
- C. Fred Astaire
- D. James Dean

Answer: A. Jimmy Stewart

\$3,000: What type of animal is a gnu?

- A. An insect
- B. A kind of sheep
- C. A kind of antelope
- D. There is no such animal.

Answer: C. A kind of antelope

\$5,000: The Notre Dame Cathedral is located in what city?

- A. Cairo, Egypt
- B. Paris, France
- C. New York City, USA
- D. Rome, Italy

Answer: B. Paris, France

\$7,000: What is a group of bears called?

- A. A pod
- B. A sleuth
- C. A gang
- D. A gaggle

Answer: B. A sleuth

\$10,000: What animal kills more people every year in Africa?

- A. Crocodile
- B. Hippo
- C. Lion
- D. Emu

Answer: B. Hippo

\$20,000: What is the name of Nelson Mandela's autobiography?

- A. *The Long Walk*
- B. *The Long Walk Home*
- C. *The Long Walk to Justice*
- D. *The Long Walk to Freedom*

Answer: D. *The Long Walk to Freedom*

\$30,000: Who was the first man to break the four-minute mile?

- A. Sir Roger Bannister
- B. Usain Bolt
- C. Arne Andersson
- D. Jack Lovelock

Answer: A. Sir Roger Bannister

\$50,000: What is the meaning of the Latin word *circa* when preceding a date?

- A. After
- B. Around
- C. Before
- D. Ending

Answer: B. Around

\$100,000: What has happened to you when a Procyon lotor sinks its dentition into your gluteus maximus?

- A. Bitten by a dog on your backside
- B. Bit your lip
- C. Bitten by a raccoon on your backside
- D. Bitten by a snake

Answer: C. Bitten by a raccoon on your backside

\$250,000: Which is a 1922 classic horror film?

- A. *The Body Snatchers*
- B. *Frankenstein*
- C. *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*
- D. *Nosferatu*

Answer: D. *Nosferatu*

\$500,000: Which of these actors does **NOT** appear in the 1943 western *The Ox-Bow Incident*?

- A. Jimmy Stewart
- B. Dana Andrews
- C. Henry Fonda
- D. Anthony Quinn

Answer: A. Jimmy Stewart

\$1,000,000: What constellation is sometimes called the “thirteenth sign of the Zodiac”?

- A. Gemini
- B. Ophiuchus
- C. Perseus
- D. Orion

Answer: B. Ophiuchus



Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Trivia, Set 4

\$500: Where are the Great Pyramids located?

- A. Iowa, USA
- B. China
- C. Egypt
- D. Canada

Answer: C. Egypt

\$1,000: Whose nickname is Satchmo?

- A. Louis Armstrong
- B. Henry Mancini
- C. Daniel Boone
- D. Ginger Rogers

Answer: A. Louis Armstrong

\$2,000: How many feet equal one mile?

- A. 120
- B. 100,000
- C. 360
- D. 5,280

Answer: D. 5,280

\$3,000: What bird is deemed the fastest in the world?

- A. Eagle
- B. Peregrine falcon
- C. Loon
- D. Wren

Answer: B. Peregrine falcon

\$5,000: Where is the Taj Mahal located?

- A. Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- B. Fort Dix, New Jersey, USA
- C. Agra, India
- D. Athens, Greece

Answer: C. Agra, India

\$7,000: What is a group of kangaroos called?

- A. A gaggle
- B. A pod
- C. A mob
- D. A gang

Answer: C. A mob

\$10,000: What actress married Prince Rainier of Monaco?

- A. Grace Kelly
- B. Lauren Bacall
- C. Sophia Loren
- D. Doris Day

Answer: A. Grace Kelly

\$20,000: In what year did the First World War start?

- A. 1911
- B. 1912
- C. 1913
- D. 1914

Answer: D. 1914

\$30,000: In 1774, Joseph Priestley discovered what element?

- A. Helium
- B. Oxygen
- C. Plutonium
- D. Iron oxide

Answer: B. Oxygen

\$50,000: Ichthyophobia is a fear of what animal?

- A. Spiders
- B. Clowns
- C. Sasquatch
- D. Fish

Answer: D. Fish

\$100,000: What is the capital of Ethiopia?

- A. Addis Ababa
- B. Abjua
- C. Accra
- D. Algiers

Answer: A. Addis Ababa

\$250,000: What is the name for the dot of an *i* or *j*?

- A. Spec
- B. Dot
- C. Tittle
- D. Point

Answer: C. Tittle

\$500,000: The Montgolfier brothers invented what?

- A. Water wheel
- B. Hot-air balloon
- C. Compass
- D. Steel

Answer: B. Hot-air balloon

\$1,000,000: What celestial body has the strongest known gravitational force in the universe?

- A. Vega
- B. Sirius
- C. Polaris
- D. Neutron star

Answer: D. Neutron star

