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SHOW DESCRIPTION

JEOPARDY!, America's Favorite Quiz Show™, is in its 42nd season in syndication. With a weekly audience of over 20 million viewers, **JEOPARDY!** is the top-rated quiz show on television. The show has won a total of 46 Emmy® Awards, holds the Guinness World Records® title for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show and received a Peabody Award for “celebrating and rewarding knowledge.” **JEOPARDY!** is produced by Sony Pictures Television, a Sony Pictures Entertainment Company; it is distributed domestically by CBS Media Ventures and internationally by Paramount Global Content Distribution, both divisions of Paramount, a Skydance Corporation.

JEOPARDY! is hosted by Ken Jennings; it is executive produced by Michael Davies. Johnny Gilbert serves as the announcer.

FORMAT

Created by Merv Griffin in 1964, **JEOPARDY!** is a daily half-hour quiz show with a unique answer and question format.

JEOPARDY! provides a test of knowledge across a variety of interesting subjects such as literature, history, science, the arts and pop culture. Each game consists of three rounds:

- **The Jeopardy! Round:** Includes six categories, each with a column of five clues. The “clues” are sorted by varying degrees of difficulty and are matched by increasing dollar values. Three competing contestants are given a “clue” in the form of an answer displayed on the show’s game board. Players use a hand-held signaling device and must be the first contestant to ring in and successfully give a response in the form of a question.

One “Daily Double” (a special clue hidden behind another clue) is available during this round. Only the contestant who uncovers the “Daily Double” can respond to the clue, and before that clue is read, the contestant must declare a wager. The minimum wager is \$5.

- **Double Jeopardy!:** Similar to the first round, Double Jeopardy! features new categories and “clues” with doubled dollar amounts for each “clue.”

Two “Daily Doubles” are available in the Double Jeopardy! round.

- **Final Jeopardy!:** One category is revealed by the host prior to the commercial break. The contestants write down a wager ranging between zero and up to their cash winnings accumulated at that point during the show. Once the final “clue” is revealed, players have 30 seconds to write a response in the traditional form of a question.

Each daily winner returns to the next day’s program as a defending champion. With no limit on appearances, returning champions may continue amassing winnings on **JEOPARDY!** as long as they remain victorious.

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KEN JENNINGS

Host

Season 42 marks Ken Jennings's fourth season behind the lectern as the host of **JEOPARDY!**, for which he was nominated for an Emmy award in 2023, 2024 and 2025 for "Outstanding Host For A Game Show." Jennings also hosts the ABC's primetime special events "Jeopardy! Masters" and "Celebrity Jeopardy!."

Jennings grew up in Seoul, South Korea, where he became a daily devotee of **JEOPARDY!**. In 2004, he successfully auditioned for a spot on the show and went on an unprecedented 74-game victory streak worth \$2.52 million. He later competed in several special **JEOPARDY!** tournaments, including the "Ultimate Tournament of Champions" in 2005, "**JEOPARDY!**: The IBM Challenge in 2011," the "Battle of the Decades" in 2014 and "**JEOPARDY!** All-Star Games" in 2019.

In 2020, he bested Brad Rutter and James Holzhauer in the ABC special event "**JEOPARDY!** The Greatest of All Time."

Jennings is the author of 15 books. His book, "Brainiac," about his **JEOPARDY!** adventures, was a critically acclaimed New York Times best-seller, as were his follow-up books "Maphead" and "Because I Said So!" His latest book, "The Complete Kennections: 5,000 Questions in 1,000 Puzzles," was released in 2025.

Since 2017, he has co-hosted the podcast "Omnibus," about forgotten oddities from history and culture.

Jennings lives in Seattle with his family.



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MICHAEL DAVIES

Executive Producer

Michael Davies is the Founder and President of Embassy Row. A ten-time Emmy Award winner, Davies is one of the most prolific and versatile producers in the television industry and has been key in transforming the television and digital landscapes while bringing alternative ideas to the mainstream.

As an executive and producer at Disney, ABC, and Sony, Davies has been responsible for dozens of hit shows and franchises including “Bill Nye The Science Guy,” “Win Ben Stein’s Money,” “Whose Line Is It Anyway,” “Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen,” “Talking Dead,” “Beyond Stranger Things,” “Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee,” “Good Morning Football,” “Men in Blazers” and “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.” In addition to television, Davies has served as executive producer for a number of documentary sports films, including the Academy Award shortlisted “The Tillman Story,” and for ESPN, “Once in a Lifetime: The Extraordinary Story of the New York Cosmos” and “I Scored a Goal in the World Cup Final.” He is also a successful podcast host and now a New York Times best-selling author with the release of his 2018 book “Men in Blazers Present Encyclopedia Blazertannica: A Suboptimal Guide to Soccer, America’s ‘Sport of the Future’ Since 1972.”

Before founding Embassy Row, the London-born Davies, a graduate of The University of Edinburgh, rose through the ranks as an executive at The Walt Disney Studios and ABC Entertainment, between 1992 and 1999, where he ultimately ran Alternative Series, Specials, and Late Night. After sealing the U.S. rights for the UK game format, “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire,” Davies left the network to executive produce more than 350 primetime episodes of the format and form his own company, Diplomatic, which became Embassy Row in 2005.

Davies sold Embassy Row to Sony Pictures Entertainment in 2009 and has remained its president ever since, cementing his industry-wide reputation as a creative leader in the sports and entertainment talk show business. However, it was his strong background in quiz shows that led to him being named interim Executive Producer of **JEOPARDY!** in August 2021. His position became official in April 2022, becoming the fourth ever EP of **JEOPARDY!** in its 42 years in syndication.

Over the course of his time at **JEOPARDY!**, Davies has successfully launched three new primetime **JEOPARDY!** spinoffs at ABC: “Celebrity Jeopardy!,” “Jeopardy! Masters” and the “Jeopardy! National College Championship.” In 2024, he created “Pop Culture Jeopardy!” on Amazon’s Prime Video, the first **JEOPARDY!** series produced exclusively for a major streaming

service. Davies and the writers of “Pop Culture Jeopardy!” won the WGA Award for Quiz and Audience Participation for the show’s first season. Davies is also a co-host of the “Inside Jeopardy!” podcast, which he established in August 2022.



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FACTS & FIGURES

THE SHOW

- **JEOPARDY!** contestants have won more than \$100 million in prize money since 1984.
- The **JEOPARDY!** production staff has eight writers and nine researchers whose jobs are to create and assemble categories and questions for the series.
- **JEOPARDY!** has been granted trademark status as “America’s Favorite Quiz Show®” by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.
- More than 400 game shows have come and gone since **JEOPARDY!** premiered in syndication in 1984.

AWARDS & HONORS

- **JEOPARDY!** holds the Guinness World Records® record for the most Emmy® Awards won by a TV game show (46 Emmys), including the 2025 Primetime Emmy® for Outstanding Game Show.
- Alex Trebek won eight Emmys® for Outstanding Game Show Host and received Lifetime Achievement honors from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS).
- Ken Jennings has been nominated for three Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Game Show Host.
- **JEOPARDY!** is the recipient of a 2011 Peabody Award. The awards panel credited the show for its role in “encouraging, celebrating, and rewarding knowledge.”
- **JEOPARDY!** was inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2018.

To learn more about **JEOPARDY!**'s awards, please visit the [Awards](#) page on [Jeopardy.com](#).

CONTESTANTS

- More than 1.5 million adults, college students and teens have taken the online contestant test since **JEOPARDY!** began offering it in 2006. The [Anytime Test](#) is offered year-round on [Jeopardy.com](#).
- The most consecutive games won by a single contestant is 74. Ken Jennings set the record during the 2004-2005 season, resulting in regular-season winnings of more than \$2.5 million.
- In the 2021-2022 season, Amy Schneider became the second winningest contestant in **JEOPARDY!** history when she won \$1,382,800 over the course of 40 consecutive games.
- 32-game champion James Holzhauer set the single-game winnings record in 2019, earning \$131,127. In addition to the top score, he also holds the next 15 spots on that list. He also won the first-ever "Jeopardy! Masters" event in 2023.
- The highest cumulative amount (including regular-season and tournament winnings) won by a single **JEOPARDY!** player is \$4,938,436 in cash, won by Brad Rutter. The total amount is a combination of his original appearances in 2002, the "Million Dollar Masters Tournament" in 2002, the "Ultimate Tournament of Champions in 2005," the "**JEOPARDY!** IBM Challenge" in February 2011, the Battle of the Decades Tournament in May 2014, "**JEOPARDY!** All-Star Games" in February 2019 and "Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time" in January 2020.
- In addition to Rutter, a select group of contestants have won more than one tournament or special event:
 - Yogesh Raut: 2024 Tournament of Champions and 2025 "Jeopardy! Masters"
 - Victoria Groce: 2024 Jeopardy! Invitational Tournament and 2024 "Jeopardy! Masters"
 - James Holzhauer: 2019 Tournament of Champions and 2023 "Jeopardy! Masters"
 - Colby Burnett: S29 Teachers Tournament and 2013 Tournament of Champions
 - Tom Cabbage: S5 College Championship and 1989 Tournament of Champions

For the most up to date information about the top **JEOPARDY!** players of all time, please visit the [Leaderboard of Legends](#).

More information about the **JEOPARDY!** Anytime Test can be found on the [Be on J!](#) page on our website.

CELEBRITIES

- Prominent personalities who have presented special clues, categories or greetings for **JEOPARDY!** include Barack and Michelle Obama, Joe and Dr. Jill Biden, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Jane Goodall, Katie Couric, Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Glenn Close, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Michael Douglas, Rita Moreno, Reese Witherspoon, Norman Lear, Sting, Hans Zimmer, Billie Jean King, Jason Kelce, a host of Nobel laureates and many more.
- Celebrities and other notables have won more than \$12 million for the charities of their choice between syndicated Celebrity Weeks and two seasons of “Celebrity Jeopardy!” in primetime on ABC.
- Ike Barinholtz is the first “Celebrity Jeopardy!” winner to compete in the prestigious **JEOPARDY!** Tournament of Champions. He advanced to the semifinals of the 2024 edition of the tournament.