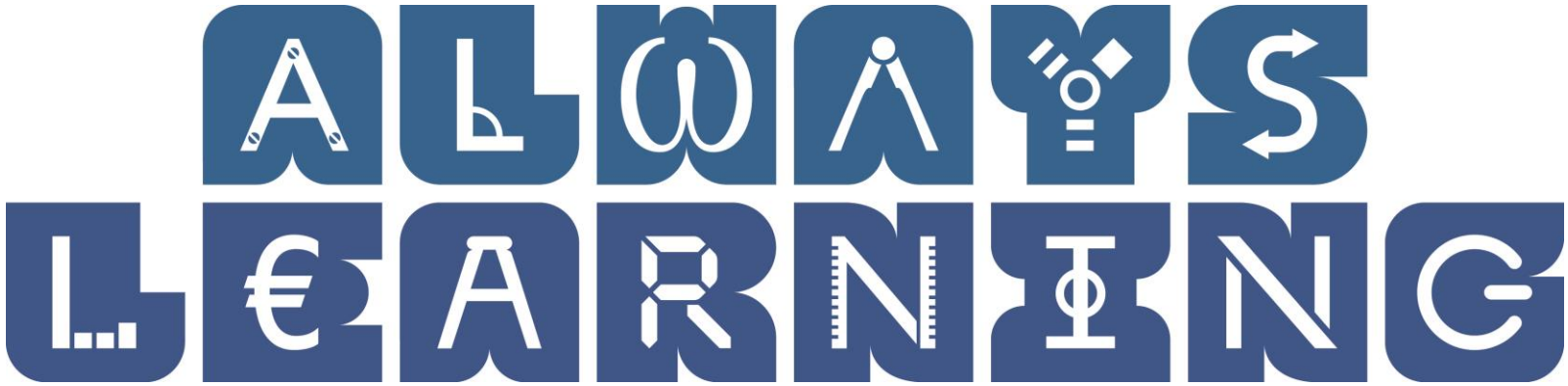
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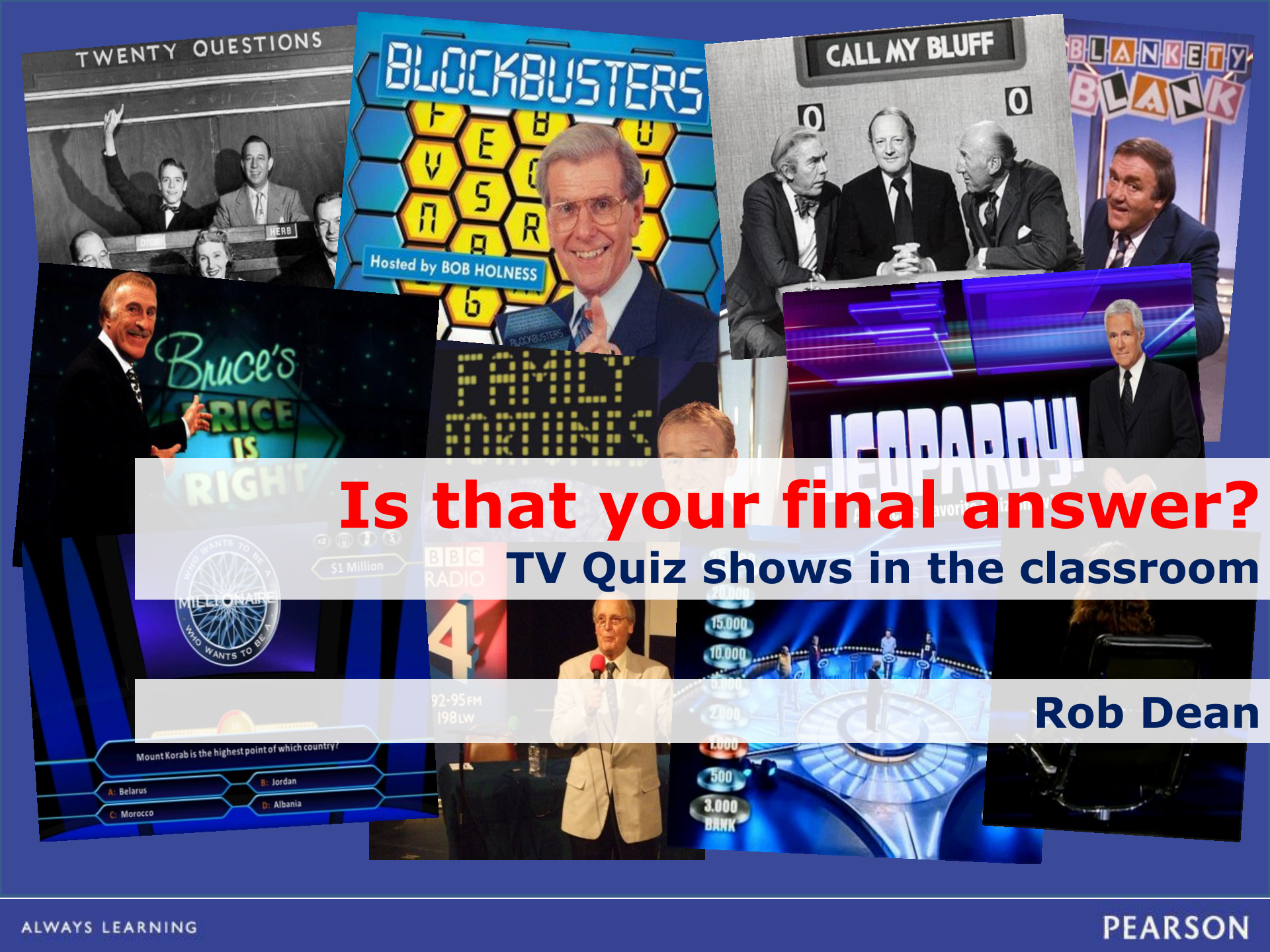

Is that your final answer?

TV Quiz shows in the classroom

Rob Dean

Science

What's the chemical symbol for sodium?

Answer: Na

Geography

What's the capital of Latvia?

Answer: Riga

Entertainment

Which group released the albums 'Ghost in the Machine' and 'Synchronicity'?

Answer: The Police

Sport

In which year did Leeds United last win the FA Cup final?

Answer: 1972

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Quiz shows in the classroom-

- **Why?**
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- **How?**

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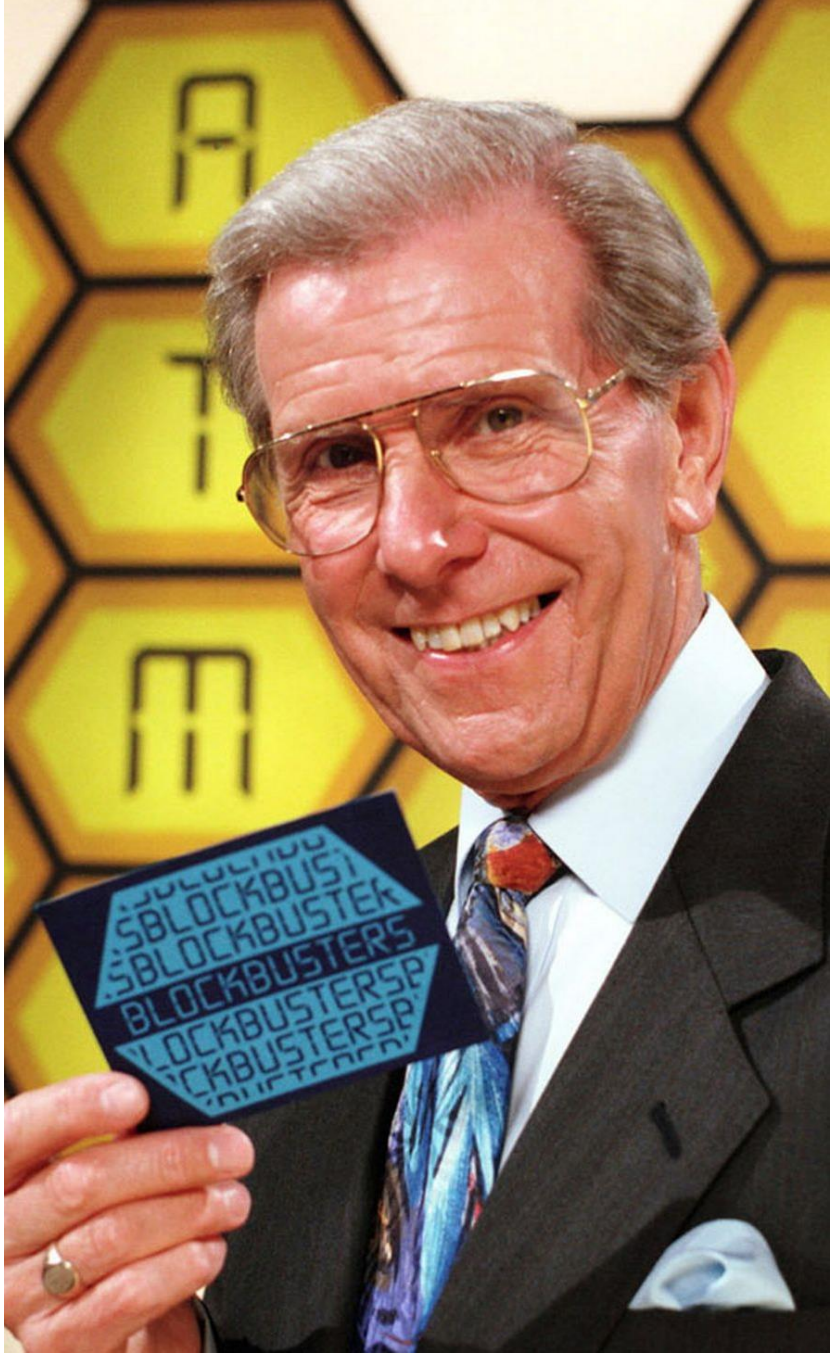

Realism

Variety

Quiz Shows in Class – Why?

Fun and motivation

Versatility & exploitability

Controlled language practice

Fluency development, CLIL

Quiz Shows in Class – Why?

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Quiz Shows in Class – What / How?

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Quiz Shows in Class – What / How?

Teacher to student(s)

Student(s) to student(s)

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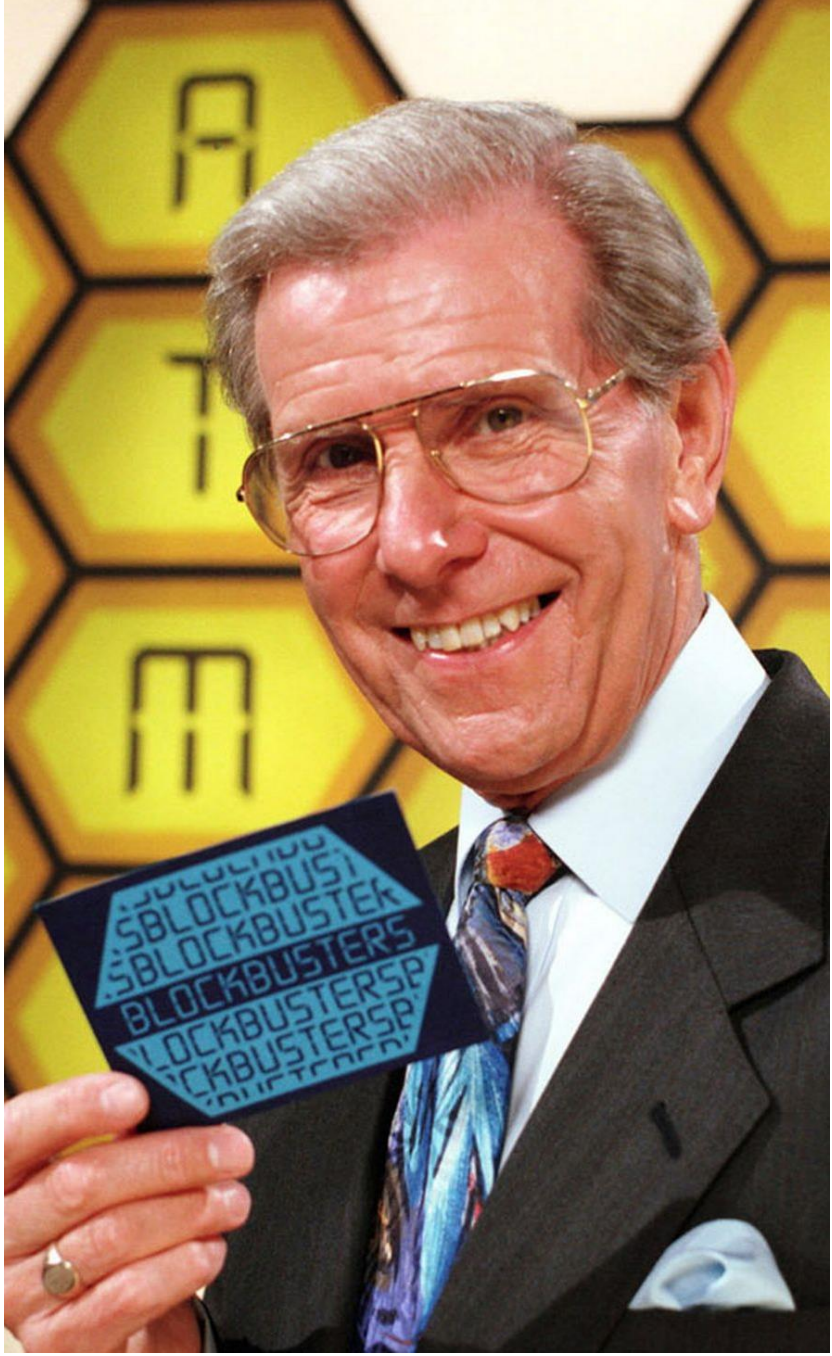

The Weakest link

Aim:

To bank as much money as possible within a time limit.

- **Each question is worth 10 francs.**
- **Say ` bank' before the question is asked and the money is safe.**
- **Get a question wrong and all the unsaved money is lost.**

Uses:

- **Grammar / vocab / general fluency**

Variations:

- **Teacher or students ask the questions.**

The Weakest link

Family Fortunes

Aim:

To correctly guess all six items of a given category.

- **The team which correctly guesses the highest ranking item in the list takes control.**
- **Three incorrect guesses and the other team takes control.**
- **If they correctly guess any missing item on the list they win all the points; if not the original team wins.**

Uses:

- **Vocabulary lexical sets, collocations, comparatives / superlatives**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**
- **'Real' survey or answers devised by teacher / students**

Family Fortunes

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Mastermind

Aim:

To correctly answer as many questions as possible against the clock.

- **Students work in pairs as contestants.**
- **If they do not know the answer to a question, they say 'pass' and the next question is asked.**
- **One point per correct question answered**

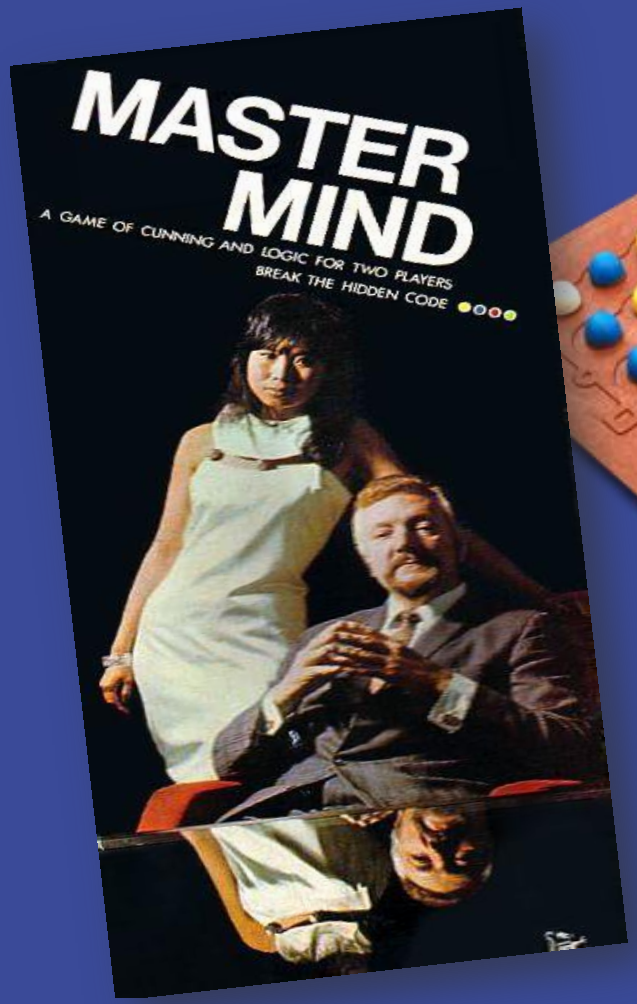
Uses:

- **Any language point or general knowledge**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**
- **Round 1 could be grammar & vocab; round 2 general knowledge**

Mastermind



Mastermind (2)

Aim:

To correctly guess a hidden word.

- **Students have 12 attempts to guess the word.**
- **Clues given by quizmaster after each guess:**
  - **How many letters of the guessed word are correct**
  - **How many letters are correct AND in the right place in the word.**

Uses:

- **Spelling; vocab revision**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**

Mastermind (2)

20 Questions

Aim:

To correctly identify a lexical item by asking yes / no questions.

- **An initial clue is given: 'animal', 'mineral' or 'vegetable'.**
- **Students have 20 guesses to identify the item.**

Uses:

- **Vocab revision, question forms**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**

20 Questions

Call my Bluff

Aim:

To correctly identify the correct definition of a word from three possibilities

- **Students use a dictionary (or coursebook wordlist / vocab book) and choose a word.**
- **They write three definitions for their chosen word: one correct and the other two made-up / incorrect.**
- **They read the word to the group along with the three possible definitions.**
- **The group writes down which of the three definitions they think is correct.**
- **Points for those who chose correctly.**

Call my Bluff

Roustabout *(n,c)*

1. A roundabout on a canal around which narrow boats turn

2. A device which is used to turn kebab meat in front of a flame for cooking

3. A worker or labourer who is unskilled

Aim:

To correctly identify the correct definition of a word from three possibilities

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Uses:

- **Vocab revision, defining language, dictionary use.**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**

Call my Bluff

The Price is Right

Aim:

To correctly guess the price of a selection of real items if they were to go out and buy them today.

- **Teacher shows the item and students take turns to guess the correct price.**
- **After each round, the teacher reveals the price, and students award themselves points according to how close they were.**

The Price is Right

MiGROS

Toilet Paper 32 Rolls

CHF13.20

+/- CHF1

Bookcase

CHF129.90

+/- CHF10

Audi

New Audi A3 Sportback

(from) CHF29,600 **CHF30,150** **CHF32,100**

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Uses:

- **Pronunciation of numbers large and small.**

Variations:

- **Free choice or multiple choice options can be given**
- **Students can research prices for homework and the activity can then be run as groupwork.**

The Price is Right

Just a Minute

Aim:

To speak on a given subject for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition (well not much, anyway)

- One student begins to speak on the given topic.
- Another student is appointed timekeeper
- Others listen for:
  - deviation (going off the topic)
  - hesitation (errr….)
  - repetition (repetition)
- If listeners detect any of the above, they can challenge and take over speaking.
- The student who is speaking after one minute wins a point

Just a Minute

Aim:

To speak on a given subject for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition (well not much, anyway)

Uses:

- **Fluency, monologue / presentation skills.**

Variations:

- **Whole class or groupwork**
- **A degree of leniency will be needed depending on the level!**

Just a Minute

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Jeopardy

Aim:

To gain as many points as possible by selecting numbered squares and correctly answering questions behind them.

- **Students work in teams and take turns to select a numbered square from the grid.**
- **If they answer the question correctly, they win the number of points on the square.**

Jeopardy

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Uses:

- **Any vocabuary, grammar or general knowledge**

Variations:

- **Add 'bombs' to some squares – a bomb means the team loses all their points gained so far.**
- **Groupwork or whole class**

Jeopardy

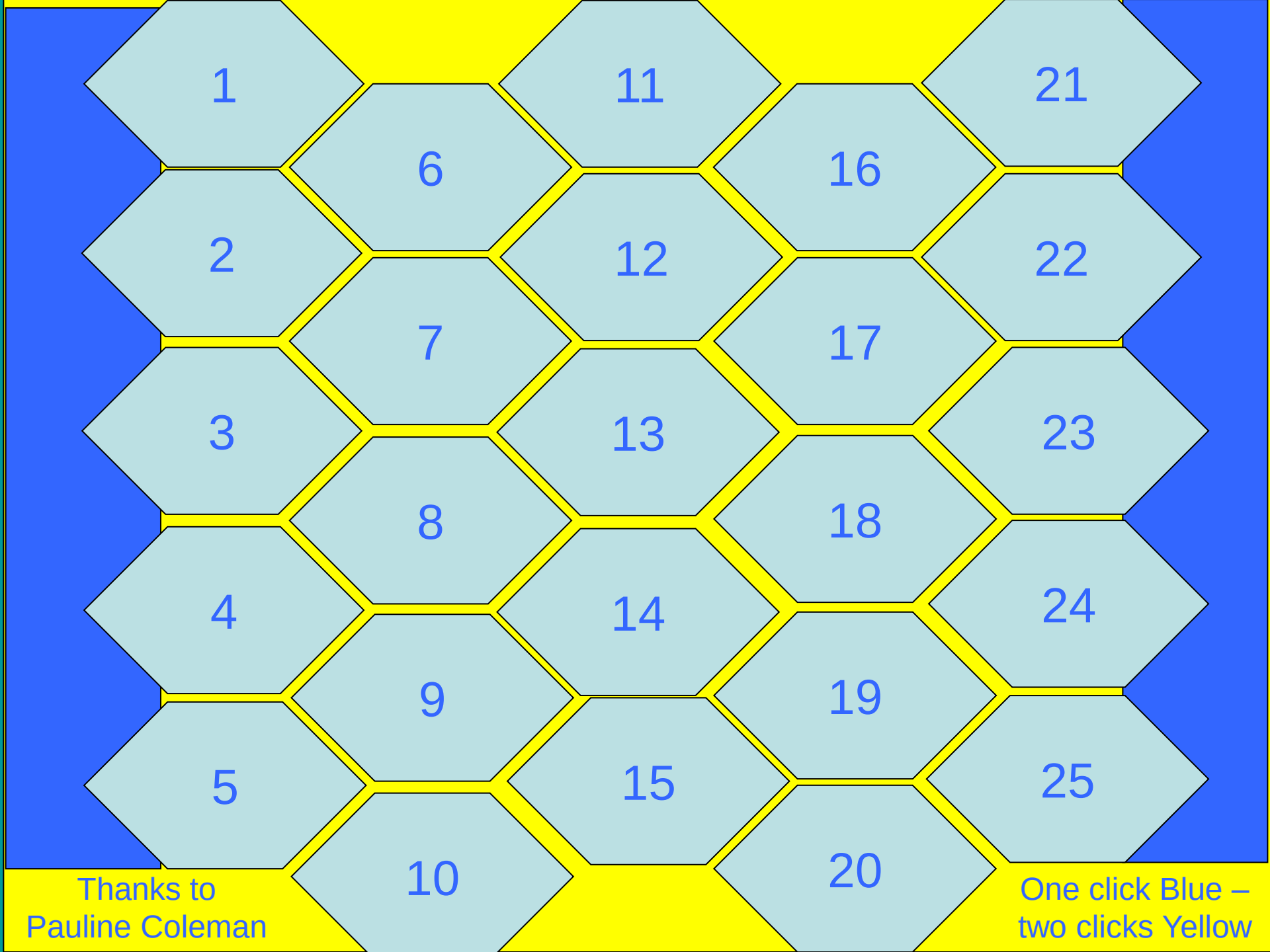
Blockbusters

Aim:

For two teams to race to connect from one edge of the board to the other by answering questions correctly and 'blocking' the opposing team.

- **Students work in teams and take turns to select a hexagon and answer an associated question.**
- **If they answer the question correctly, the hexagon turns their colour**
- **An incorrect answer means the question is passed to the other team**

Blockbusters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Thanks to
Pauline Coleman
One click Blue –
two clicks Yellow

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Variations:

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Blockbusters

Blankety Blank

Aim:

To correctly guess the missing word(s) in a sentence

- **Teacher reads a sentence aloud, and indicates the missing work by saying 'blank' in its place.**
- **Students work in pairs or groups to guess the word and write it down.**
- **Points awarded to those with same missing word as in the original sentence.**

Blankety Blank

It was so hot yesterday my <u>snowman</u> melted.

I haven't <u>eaten</u> for a long time.

I couldn't
play the piano until
I was 18.

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- **Uses:**
- **Vocabulary, collocation, practice for Use of English cloze tests**

Variations:

- **Groupwork or whole class**

Blankety Blank

Who wants to be a millionaire?

The World Culture Millionaire Quiz

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Which of the following did Charles Dickens NOT write?

a) A Christmas Carol b) Oliver Twist
c)David Copperfield d) The Moonstone

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What's the capital of Chile?

a) Santiago b) Lima
c) La Paz d) Montevideo

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For how many days were the Chilean miners trapped underground in 2010?

a) 51 b) 59 c) 69 d) 79

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In which country is the largest number of films produced?

a) USA b) India c) France d) Mexico

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Which country has the world's most developed internet network?

a) South Korea b) USA c) Singapore d) Japan

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How many working satellites are there in orbit?

a) 200 b) 1000 c) 2745 d) 3500

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Which city has the oldest underground railway in the world?

a) Paris b) New York c) London
d) Budapest

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In which country was fashion designer Yves St Laurent born?

a) Algeria b) France c) Italy d) Greece

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How many kilos of sugar does the average American eat in a year?

a) 2 b) 7.15 c) 14 d) 21.9

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Who was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize?

a) Aung Saan Suu Kyi

b) Marie Skłodowska-Curie c) Mother Teresa

d) Indira Gandhi

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Where's a good place near here to eat?

Sounds good!

Useful resources:

- Your own general knowledge
- Your students' general knowledge
- Your students' coursebooks

- The internet – namely:

- TeachThis.com:
  www.teach-this.com/esl-games/tv-game-shows
- QuizPub.co.uk:
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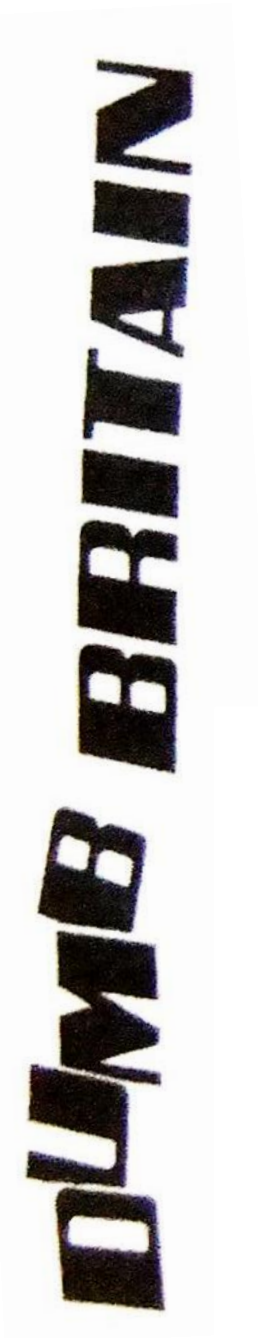
… and finally…

DUMB BRITAIN

PRIVATE EYE



In Greek mythology, what was the name of the Titan who bore the weight of the world on his shoulders?

- Anthrax

The Weakest Link

Whose Tombstone in Liverpool inspired a Beatles song?

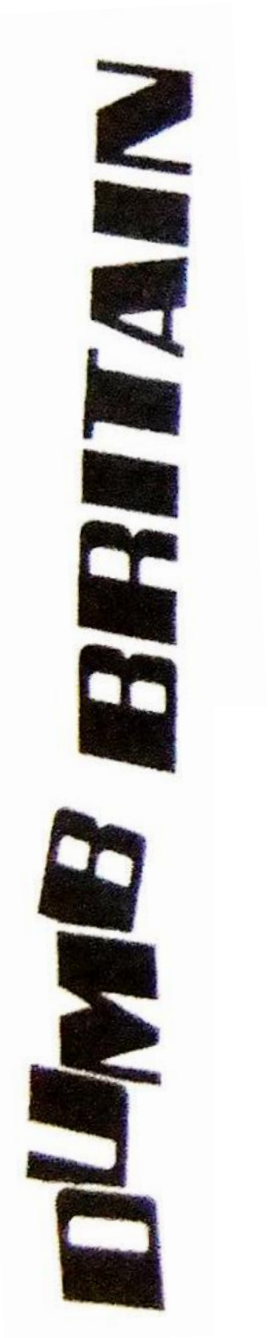
- Penny Lane

The Chase

What type of headgear is also the name of a film starring Gene Kelly and Ginger Rogers?

- Bobble hat

Steve Wright's Big Quiz



What celestial body do birds use to assist with navigatation?
- Their beak
The Weakest Link

Which Rowan was Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012?
- Atkinson
The Weakest Link

There are three states of matter: solid, liquid and what?
- Jelly
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