

Slumdog Millionaire

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The story step by step

- 1 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 1 on your CD/download (from 'There is pain' to 'You're his lawyer?'). You will hear the words in the box below. One of the sounds in each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound. There are six words for each sound. The first one of each sound is an example.

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<i>in</i>	<i>beam</i>	<i>pain</i>	<i>my</i>

- 2 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 2 on your CD/download (from 'I was found' to 'at Christmas') and answer the questions below.
- 1 When was Ram found? _____
 - 2 Who put him there? _____
 - 3 What did Father Timothy give Ram? _____
 - 4 Why was he called Ram Mohammad Thomas? _____
 - 5 Where was Father Timothy's house? _____
 - 6 How long had Father Timothy lived in India? _____
 - 7 How often did Father Timothy go to England? _____
 - 8 How did Ram feel living with Father Timothy? _____
 - 9 Whose life did Ram learn about from Father Timothy? _____
 - 10 Which aspect of Christmas did Ram love? _____

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- 3 Listen again to Chapter 2 on your CD/download (from 'it's a sad story' to 'one thousand rupees') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

What are the letters on the crucifix?

a) IRNI

c) RINi

b) INRI

d) NIRI

- 4 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 3 on your CD/download (from 'After Father Timothy' to 'finding a family'). Complete the sentences below with the adjectives you hear from the list.

bigger	dirty x2	terrible
black	good x2	thick
blackened	intelligent	torn x2
broken	kind	wooden
clever	nice	younger
crowded	noisy	
cruel	old	
curly	older	

- 1 It was *crowded*, _____ and _____.
- 2 The classrooms had _____ desks.
- 3 We ate in a room with long _____ tables.
- 4 We were given vegetables and _____, _____ chapattis.
- 5 He was a _____ man, but Mr Gupta, his deputy, gave the orders.
- 6 Some were _____, but most were _____ than me.
- 7 After living with Father Timothy, the home was a _____ place for me.
- 8 But I soon realized that it was a _____ home for many of the boys.
- 9 I heard their stories of _____ parents, of aunts and uncles who hit them.
- 10 I became the boys' leader. Not because I was _____, but because I could speak English.
- 11 He was carried in that afternoon, wearing a _____ shirt and _____ shorts.
- 12 Salim had _____ hair and a _____ smile.
- 13 He had a _____ mind and he asked lots of _____ questions.
- 14 Salim and I became very _____ friends.

- 5 Listen again to Chapter 3 on your CD/download (from 'Prem Kumar looked at the camera' to 'I did not') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

Which God did Surdas, the blind singer, pray to?

a) Ram

c) Shiva

b) Krishna

d) Brahma

- 6 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 4 on your CD/download (from 'For three years' to 'one hundred and fourteen') and decide if the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1	Ram worked in Neelima Kumari's flat for three years.	T
2	Neelima Kumari was short but beautiful.	
3	She decided to take two servants.	
4	Salim admitted that it was Ram's idea to ask for a job.	
5	Neelima's bedroom had a TV, a DVD player and video recorder.	
6	The magazines had Neelima's photograph on the cover.	
7	Neelima lived alone.	
8	Ram was the only person who helped Neelima in the house.	
9	Ram didn't live with Neelima.	
10	Neelima had every film she had ever made stored on video cassette.	

- 7 Listen again to Chapter 4 on your CD/download (from 'OK, Mr Thomas' to 'ten thousand rupees') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

In which year did Neelima Kumari, the Tragedy Queen, win the National Award for Best Actress?

a) 1984

c) 1986

b) 1988

d) 1985

- 8 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 5 on your CD/download (from 'We heard the air raid' to 'Mr Wagle turned off the television') and match the sentences to the person who says them. The first one is an example.

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| 1 'I wish that we could have a war every month.' | a Ram |
| 2 'War is very serious ... People are killed in wars.' | b Putul |
| 3 'And my school is closed for a week.' | c Mr Wagle |
| 4 'My employer has given me a week's holiday because of the war.' | d Mr Singh |
| 5 'Which war did you fight in?' | e Dhyanesh |

- 9 Listen again to Chapter 5 on your CD/download (from 'I'm ready' to 'fifty thousand rupees') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

What is the highest award given to the Indian armed forces?

a) Maha Vir Chakra

c) Shaurya Chakra

b) Param Vir Chakra

d) Ashok Chakra

- 10 Listen to Chapter 6 on your CD/download (from 'Our next question' to 'one hundred thousand rupees') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

Which is the smallest planet?

a) Pluto

c) Neptune

b) Mars

d) Mercury

- 11 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 7 on your CD/download (from 'Colonel Taylor' to 'could understand it'). Complete the following table with information about the characters in the Taylor household.

Name	Position/role	Age	Additional information
Colonel Taylor	_____		'the man who knows'
Rebecca Taylor	the colonel's _____		-
Roy	the Taylors' _____		-
Maggie	_____		_____
Jagdish	the gardener	-	_____
Sheela	_____	-	took a bracelet from Mrs Taylor's room
Raju	the cook	-	_____
Ajay	_____	-	planned to steal some money
Basanti	_____	-	_____

- 12 Listen again to Chapter 7 on your CD/download (from 'The next question' to 'The Man Who Knows!') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

When a government says that a diplomat is *persona non grata*, what does it mean?

a) that the diplomat will get an award

c) that the diplomat is grateful

b) that the diplomat is going to stay in the country for a longer time

d) that the diplomat is not acceptable and must leave

- 13 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download (from 'Delhi's Paharganj railway' to 'my best friend Salim') and tick the items of clothing you hear.

white shirt		black coat	
white skirt		blue coat	
jumper		cap	
jeans		hat	
tights		green sari	
trousers		grey sari	

- 14 Listen again to Chapter 8 on your CD/download (from 'Prem Kumar turned to me' to 'I had lost on that train') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

Who invented the revolver?

a) Samuel Colt

c) Dan Wesson

b) Bruce Browning

d) James Revolver

- 15 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 9 on your CD/download (from 'After two hours' to 'They had fourteen children') and correct the mistakes you hear. The first one is an example.

After three two hours, I left Agra railway station and began to walk through the crowded street. After a time, I came to a river. On the opposite side there was a large grey building. It was the largest and most attractive building I had ever seen. 'Excuse me,' I said to a woman who was stood behind me. 'What is that building?' She looked at me strangely. 'Don't you know?' she said. 'It's the Taj Mahal.' A walk of forty minutes brought me to the exit. A large white sign read: *Taj Mahal Entry Prices: Indians Rs. 20 Foreigners \$12. Mondays Closed, weekends Free.* Today was Friday, the twelfth of July. It seemed that today was my unlucky day. The Taj Mahal was full of people, young and old, rich and poor, Indian and foreign. I saw a group of Indian tourists listening to a guide. 'I will tell you the history of the Taj Mahal,' he was saying. 'One day in the year 1706, Prince Khurram fell in love with a girl called Mumtaz. They were married in the year 1720, and over the next eighteen years they had fifteen children ...'

- 16 Listen again to Chapter 9 on your CD/download (from 'It was a new year' to 'So we did not run away'). Look at the reported speech below and write the direct speech you hear. The first one is an example.

1 Reported speech: *He asked her if she loved him.*

Direct speech: *'Do you love me?'* I asked her.

2 Reported speech: He asked her if she would marry him.

Direct speech: _____

3 Reported speech: She said she couldn't marry him because she was engaged to another man.

Direct speech: _____

4 Reported speech: He asked her if she had to marry the man.

Direct speech: _____

5 Reported speech: She said he was rich and successful and that he would pay her family forty thousand rupees if she married him.

Direct speech: _____

6 Reported speech: Nita asked him if he had forty thousand rupees.

Direct speech: _____

17 Listen again to Chapter 9 on your CD/download (from 'Oh my God!' to 'I replied') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

In which Shakespeare play do we find the character Costard?

a) *King Lear*

c) *Love's Labour's Lost*

b) *The Merchant of Venice*

d) *Othello*

18 Listen to Chapter 10 on your CD/download (from 'I decided not to meet' to 'My photograph of Maman and his address') and put the following events in the order in which they happen. The first and the last have been done for you.

a	Ahmed murders the wrong man and is himself killed.	
b	Ram meets Salim in Mumbai.	8
c	Salim discovers Ahmed Khan is a paid killer.	
d	Salim goes to work as Ahmed Khan's servant.	
e	Salim runs away from Maman.	
f	Salim swaps the photo of Abbas Rizvi for that of Maman.	
g	Salim takes some photographs of himself to send to acting agencies.	1
h	Salim warns Abbas Rizvi that he is about to be killed.	

19 Listen again to Chapter 10 on your CD/download (from 'Very clever' to 'ten million rupees') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

How many test centuries has India's greatest batsman Sachin Malvankar scored?

a) 34

c) 36

b) 35

d) 37

- 20 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 11 on your CD/download (from 'I had been working' to 'my brother was receiving a business award') and make a list of all the countries and cities you hear.

- 21 Listen again to Chapter 11 on your CD/download (from 'Listen to my answer' to 'almost like magic') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

What is the capital city of Papua New Guinea?

a) Port Louis

c) Port Moresby

b) Port-au-Prince

d) Port Adelaide

- 22 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 12 on your CD/download (from 'Prem Kumar looked at the camera' to 'his mouth fell open') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

Mumtaz Mahal was the wife of Emperor Shahjahan. He built the world-famous Taj Mahal, but what was the name of Mumtaz Mahal's father?

a) Mirza Ali Kuli Beg

c) Asaf Jaha

b) Sirajuddaulah

d) Abdur Rahim Khan Khanan?

- 23 Listen again to Chapter 12 on your CD/download (from 'I was not laughing' to 'everyone stood and clapped') and choose the correct answer to the *Who Will Win a Billion?* question.

Beethoven's Piano Sonata Number 29 is also called Hammerklavier Sonata. What key is it in?

a) B flat major

c) E flat major

b) G minor

d) C minor

- 24 Listen to Chapter 13 on your CD/download (from 'Six months have passed' to 'my wife') and match the beginnings and the endings of the sentences. The first one is an example.

Beginning of sentence	End of sentence
1 Six months have passed	a and the police have not arrested me.
2 She found out that the police were not looking	b but Smita proved them wrong with the DVD.
3 The quiz company tried to say that I was cheating,	c but it is really me.
4 After four months,	d did not make any more television programmes because they had no money left.
5 The company producing <i>Who Will Win a Billion?</i>	e for the person who killed a robber on the train.
6 Salim has got the role	f I got the prize money.
7 He thinks that the producer is a man called Mohammad Bhatt,	g is now my wife.
8 Mrs Nita Mohammad Thomas	h of a seventeen-year-old college hero in a film.