Slumdog Millionaire
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A Before Reading

1. What do you know about India? Think about the following:
   - cities
   - weather
   - religion
   - sport
   - history

2. a. Look at the map of India. Mark these cities on the map:
   Mumbai, Delhi and Agra.
   Check your answers on page 8.

   b. Have you ever been to India or anywhere else in Asia? Where did you go? What was it like? If you haven’t, is there anywhere you would really like to visit? Why do you want to go there?

B While Reading

3. Ram answered all his questions on the quiz show correctly. He knew the answers from his experiences. As you read, write down how he knew the answers. The first one is an example.

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<th>Subject of the question</th>
<th>How did Ram know the answer?</th>
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<td><em>He saw it on the crucifix in Father Timothy’s church.</em></td>
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How many of the answers did you know?
4 Here are some pictures of some of the events in Ram's story. As you read, identify the people in the pictures. Where are they and what is happening in each picture?

C After Reading

5 Write a newspaper report about the first and last winner of Who Will Win A Billion? Include brief details about:
   • Ram's background
   • a brief summary of what happened on the show
   • the feeling in the audience during the show
   • Ram's time in prison
   • what Ram will do with his money

6 a What quiz shows are on TV in your country? Which ones do you watch? Have you, or has anyone you know, taken part in a quiz show?
   b Which of the following subjects do you know most about, and which do you know nothing about?

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7 Make a *Who Will Win a Billion?* quiz for your classmates. Write questions on five different subjects and give one true and two false answers for each.

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**1 Who Will Win a Billion?**

Question: __________

Answer A: __________

Answer B: __________

Answer C: __________

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**2 Who Will Win a Billion?**

Question: __________

Answer A: __________

Answer B: __________

Answer C: __________

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**3 Who Will Win a Billion?**

Question: __________

Answer A: __________

Answer B: __________

Answer C: __________

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**4 Who Will Win a Billion?**

Question: __________

Answer A: __________

Answer B: __________

Answer C: __________

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**5 Who Will Win a Billion?**

Question: __________

Answer A: __________

Answer B: __________

Answer C: __________
8 Here is a crossword puzzle. Work in pairs: Student A and Student B. You and your partner have half the words each. All of the words are from the story. Read your instructions and try to fill in the gaps. Don’t show each other your crosswords!

Student A
Complete the crossword by asking your partner questions (Example: What’s 4 across?). At the same time, explain the words in your crossword to your partner, without saying the actual words.

Student B
Complete the crossword by asking your partner questions (Example: What’s 3 down?). At the same time, explain the words in your crossword to your partner, without saying the actual words.