

You've got to love her!

NEW YORK – Idaho **resident** Kathy Evans brought **humiliation** to her friends and family Tuesday when she set a new standard for stupidity with her appearance on the popular TV show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."



It seems that Evans, a 32-year-old wife and mother of two, got **stuck** on the first question, and **proceeded** to make what fans of the show are calling "the absolute worst use of **lifelines** ever."

After being **introduced** to the show's host Meredith Vieira, Evans **assured** her that she was ready to play, at which point she was **posed** with an extremely easy \$100 question. The question was:

"Which of the **following** is the largest?"

- A) A Peanut
- B) An Elephant
- C) The Moon
- D) Hey, who you calling large?



Immediately Mrs. Evans was **struck** with an all **consuming** panic as she realized that this was a question to which she did not readily know the answer.

"Hmm, oh boy, that's a **toughie**," said Evans, as Vieira **did her level best** to hide her **disbelief** and **disgust**. "I mean, I'm sure I've heard of some of these things before, but I have no idea how large they would be."

Evans made the decision to use the first of her three lifelines, the 50/50. Answers A and D were removed, leaving her to decide which was bigger, an elephant or the moon. However, faced with an **incredibly** easy question, Evans still remained **unsure**.

"Oh! It removed the two I was **leaning towards!**" exclaimed Evans. "**Darn**. I think I better phone a friend."

Using the second of her two lifelines on the first question, Mrs. Evans asked to be connected with her friend Betsy, who is an office assistant.

"Hi Betsy! How are you? This is Kathy! I'm on TV!" said Evans, wasting the first seven seconds of her call.

"Ok, I got an important question. Which of the following is the largest? B, an elephant, or C, the moon. "

Betsy quickly replied that the answer was C, the moon. Evans proceeded to argue with her friend for the remaining ten seconds.

"Come on Betsy, are you sure?" said Evans. "How sure are you? Puh, that can't be it."

To everyone's **astonishment**, the moronic Evans **declined** to take her friend's advice and pick 'The Moon.'

"I just don't know if I can trust Betsy. She's not all that **bright**. So I think I'd like to ask the audience," said Evans.

Asked to vote on the correct answer, the audience returned 98% in favor of answer C, 'The Moon.' Having used up all her lifelines, Evans then made the **dumbest** choice of her life.

"Wow, seems like everybody is against what I'm thinking," said the too-stupid-to-live Evans. "But you know, sometimes you just got to go with your **gut**. So, let's see. For which is larger, an elephant or the moon, I'm going to have to go with B, an elephant. Final answer."

Evans sat before the speechless audience, the only one waiting **with bated breath**, and was told that she was wrong, and that the answer was in fact, C, 'The Moon.'

Find the words in the text that mean:

1. feeling very anxious and excited
2. great surprise, amazement
3. uncertain, unconfident
4. intelligent
5. intense
6. try as hard as poss. to do sth.
7. damn
8. refuse, turn down, reject
9. doubt, distrust
10. asked
11. next
12. go on, carry on, continue
13. unbelievably
14. guarantee
15. most idiotic
16. help in a quiz

I CHOOSE THE BEST WORD:

1. At the present time _____ people can afford to travel abroad for their holidays.
a)less b)lesser c)fewer d) smaller
2. Nobody likes to pay _____ prices.
a)high b)tall c)big d)great
3. _____ should pay more taxes. a) The rich b) Rich c) The riches
4. You pass an empty house and see the notice outside it which reads _____
a) To sell b) On sale b) To sale
5. What time did you arrive _____ London Airport? a) at b) to c) in d) on
6. My son _____ at university for the last two years. a) has been b) went c) has gone
7. You want to get some meat so you go to the _____ a) butcher b) butcher's c)butchers'
8. Keep your foot on the _____ a) brake b) break
9. They crossed the Sahara _____ by camel a) desert b) dessert
10. It's just _____ the post office a) passed b) past
11. Don't _____ your ticket a) loose b) lose
12. Have you given the cat _____ milk? a) its b) it's
13. I _____ when I waited for the bus a) went cold b) colded c) got cold d) was being cold
14. I've never seen anyone _____ so much. a) eat b) to eat c) eating
15. You can't get through on the phone because the number you want is _____
a) busy b) occupied c) engaged d) in use
16. I wouldn't do that if I _____ you. a) was b) were c) am
17. _____ ' the weather like today? a) How b) What c) Who
18. It's so nice to see you! What _____! a) a surprise b) surprise
19. Is there any coffee?- Would you like _____? a) one b) some
20. Two _____ workers have been employed. a) hundreds of b) hundred
21. She said it _____ she meant it. a) as b) like c) like as if d) as if
22. I've got a place at college.- _____! a) So I have b) I do too c) So have I d) So do I
23. A person who has good sense and judgement is _____ a) sensitive b) sensible c) sensuous
24. An electric toaster is an electrical _____. a) kind b) goods c) appliance d) stuff e) sort
25. The boy wasn't _____ to lift this suitcase. a) so strong b) strong enough c) enough strong
26. He _____ a taxi whenever he comes to dinner. A) takes b) is taking c) took d) is taken
27. I asked how long ago _____ the house. A) was he b) had he c) he had d) he has
28. She made him happy _____ him. a) marrying with b) by marrying c) to marry d) marrying to
29. The instructions _____ before you start the test. A) are to be read b) are to read c) to have read
30. Girls must _____ to study harder. A) be made b) to be made c) made
31. Could I have this box _____ by tomorrow? A) painting b) paint c) painted
32. Do you know when _____ breakfast is served here? A) the b) a c) /
33. The children started to run _____ they wouldn't be late. A) in order to b) for c) so that
34. John managed to _____ before our arrival. A) get it done b) to do c) done it
35. Jim hopes he will graduate before he _____ twenty-two. A) will be b) has been c) is
36. I told him I _____ from his parents since April. a) wasn't heard b) hadn't heard c) didn't hear
37. She looks after that boy as if she _____ his sister. A) is b) was c) were
38. He must be here. I heard him _____ a) to open b) opening c) open d) opened
39. Mike asked Mary where _____. A) were the children b) the children are c) the children were d) were the children
40. We must let them _____ what we want to do here. A) knowing b) to know c) know d) known
41. He said he _____ to go. A) wants b) want c) wanted d) has wanted e) would wanted
42. If we _____ the bus we'd have taken the train a) we'd missed b) we'd miss c) we've missed