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 9. doubt, distrust
2. great surprise, amazement 10. asked
3. uncertain, unconfident 11. next
4. intelligent 12. go on, carry on, continue
5. intense 13. unbelievably
6. try as hard as poss. to do sth. 14. guarantee
7. damn 15. most idiotic
8. refuse, turn down, reject 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  c) 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