

Who Is Ken Jennings?

Ken Jennings is an American game show contestant and author. He is best known for his record-breaking 74-game winning streak on the game show Jeopardy! in 2004. He has also won other game shows, including Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, and Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time.

Early Life and Education

Ken Jennings was born on May 23, 1974, in Edmonds, Washington. He attended the University of Washington and graduated with a degree in English literature. After college, he worked as a software engineer.



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Game Show Career

Jennings first appeared on Jeopardy! in 2004. He won his first game and went on to win the next 73 games, setting a new record for the longest winning streak on the show. Jennings' winning streak came to an end in

2005 when he was defeated by Nancy Zerg. However, he returned to Jeopardy! in 2014 and won the Battle of the Decades tournament.

In addition to Jeopardy!, Jennings has also won other game shows. In 2008, he won the top prize of \$1 million on the game show *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?*. In 2019, he won the top prize of \$1 million on the game show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*. In 2020, he won the Jeopardy! The Greatest of All Time tournament, defeating James Holzhauer and Brad Rutter.

Other Work

In addition to his game show career, Jennings is also an author. He has written several books, including *Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs* and *Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks*.

Jennings is also a regular contributor to the website Slate. He has also appeared on television shows such as *The Colbert Report* and *The Daily Show*.

Personal Life

Jennings is married to Mindy Jennings, and they have two children. Jennings and his family live in Seattle, Washington.

Legacy

Ken Jennings is one of the most successful game show contestants in history. He has won millions of dollars in prize money and has set several records. He is also a popular author and television personality.

Jennings' success is due to his intelligence, hard work, and dedication. He is a master of trivia and has a deep knowledge of a wide range of subjects. He is also a skilled strategist and has developed several techniques to help him win game shows.

Jennings is an inspiration to many people. He shows that it is possible to achieve great things if you set your mind to it. He is also a role model for people who love trivia and game shows.

Here are some additional details about Ken Jennings:

* Jennings is a member of the American Mensa Society. * Jennings is a fan of the Seattle Seahawks and the Seattle Mariners. * Jennings is a vegetarian. * Jennings has a fear of flying.

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