

A2 Level (text adapted from *True to Life* – Intermediate – CUP)

Game for a Laugh

Have you ever thought of going on a TV quiz show? The games are played for a laugh, but the prizes can be really fabulous: cars, TVs, videos and exotic holidays.

Of course, being a game show contestant is not for everyone. Fear of the camera is a common worry, and general shyness is another. But for those who are keen, here is some advice. Contestants need to be quick-witted, fast on the buzzer and not shy about appearing on TV. They can be aged from 18 to 80 to compete. They need to have a reasonable amount of general knowledge, but an important factor is how their personality shows itself on TV.

In conclusion, very revealing statements can be made about the personality of those who become contestants on TV quiz shows. They are bright and self-confident people, who are not afraid to look silly in front of others, and almost certainly **eternal** optimists. Pessimists, who may have all the other qualities, rarely enter game shows, saying “What’s the point? I wouldn’t win anything.”

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Additional Vocabulary: *address – strawberry – Thursday - climbing - breakfast*