

Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?

How many sides does a rhombus have?

Which planet is typically the brightest in the night sky?

In what month do we observe Columbus Day?

Stumped? Those are just a few of the questions that have challenged adult contestants on the TV quiz show *Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?* The premiere of Fox's hit show, hosted by the comedian Jeff Foxworthy, made the grade with audiences. About 26.5 million viewers tuned in for the first episode back in 2007. It was the biggest audience for a U.S. television premiere in more than eight years.

In each episode, adult contestants are quizzed on a series of questions from their elementary school days. The grown-ups tackle questions on various subjects, including math, science, geography, and social studies. The player's goal is to answer 10 questions plus a bonus correctly—and then take home \$1 million!

But the show has a twist: The players are not alone. Five fifth graders appear on each episode to lend a hand. The kids have their favorite subjects. Ten-year-old Kyle Collier from Los Angeles, California, is fond of math, reading, and history.

The show offers up its share of embarrassment for the grown-ups. If a contestant drops out or answers incorrectly and isn't "saved" by a fifth grader, the player must face the camera and say, "I'm not smarter than a fifth grader."