



## **Get in on the Act IV: Jeopardy**

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### Introduction

**Object of game:** to practice grammar and vocabulary

**Level:** All levels

**Duration:** 40-60 minutes

**Materials:** templates and a buzzer or bell

This well-known television quiz show lends itself well to the ESL classroom. *Jeopardy* brings out students' competitive spirit, creates excitement and variety, and gets the class up and out of their seats. Whenever I played it with my classes, they loved it!

The game can be played to practice specific grammar points or to review any mixture of material, such as vocabulary, idioms, parts of speech, and grammar.

This package includes Jeopardy templates, a teacher's question/answer sheet and three games:

- Passive Voice (intermediate level)
- Idioms (intermediate to advanced level)
- Canadian slang (advanced level)

### Directions: How to play

1. The teacher draws the Jeopardy grid on a whiteboard or projects it as a Word document onto a smart board, and fills in the five categories. The difficulty of each question progresses with the amount of money; that is, the \$1000 questions are the most difficult. During the game the teacher asks the questions as they are selected by the students.
2. The teacher divides the class into 2 or 3 teams. Because students get quite excited and vocal during the game, it is necessary for the teacher to read out the following rules and to enforce them:
  - No student may attempt to answer the question before the teacher has finished reading it out.
  - Candidates must keep their hands at their sides while the teacher is asking the question. If anyone reaches out or touches the buzzer or bell before the teacher finishes, he is disqualified and loses his turn.
  - The first student to hit the buzzer or ring the bell has to answer the question within 15 seconds. If he fails to do so, the other candidates get

a turn, but they must first hit the buzzer or ring the bell.

- Teams may change their candidates at any time during the game. Everyone should have a turn, even those who are shy and quiet.
  - The teams may not give their candidate hints or call out answers. If anyone does, his candidate loses a turn.
3. Each team chooses a candidate to come up to the front and all 3 candidates stand on three sides of a small table. The teacher places a buzzer or bell in the middle.
  4. The student on the left begins by selecting a category and a dollar value. For example, Nouns for \$100, or Technology for \$500, or Green for \$200. The teacher reads out the corresponding question, word, or concept. For vocabulary quizzes, the teacher can write the word on the board in the corresponding square. The first student to hit the buzzer or ring the bell answers the question. If the answer is correct, his team wins the corresponding amount of money. If it is wrong, his team loses the corresponding amount of money, and the other two students can continue with the first one to hit the buzzer answering the question, or they can pass. As the game progresses the teacher keeps track of all wins and losses.
  5. After each question has been asked and answered, the teacher erases or crosses it off the board. The game proceeds until all categories have been eliminated. The team with the most money wins.
  6. **Daily Double.** The Daily Double question can be hidden anywhere within the grid. If it is chosen, only the student who selected it may respond. The teacher announces “Daily Double” and explains that the student can wager any amount greater or less than the assigned dollar value. After the student makes her wager, the teacher reads the question. If she answers correctly, the wager is doubled. If she answers incorrectly, the original wager is deducted from the team's total score. The other students may then compete to answer the question, but they can win or lose only the original amount assigned.

Example: Team A candidate selects “History for \$200”. The teacher announces that the student has selected the Daily Double, and asks how much he wants to bet. Team A candidate says “\$500”. The teacher reads out the question. If the candidate answers correctly, his team wins \$1000. If he answers incorrectly, his teams loses \$1000. If they continue to play, the other two students can win or lose only \$200.

Suggestions:

1. For those of you who want to be creative and can use Power Point, you can create a professional looking Jeopardy game with the ppt template available for free at [www.eslgamesworld.com/](http://www.eslgamesworld.com/)
2. Adding music files, such as the short cash register clip from Pink Floyd's "Money", creates a great special effect when students answer correctly. You can also give each category a different color and change the dollar values as you wish. The higher the amount, the higher the stakes and the greater the suspense!
3. To up the ante you can add a "bonus" category with mixed questions worth double amounts.
4. If you want to use Jeopardy as a review game, and this works very well, you can use different colors for each category, rather than headings.
5. You can create a smaller Jeopardy for beginners with just 3 categories.

**Note**

Before playing the following games, particularly idioms and Canadian slang, you should of course teach or review the vocabulary.

A couple of good websites to refer to for Canadian slang are:

<http://www.canadaka.net/content/page/124-canadian-slang--english-words>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Understand-Canadian-Slang>

Feel free to substitute words that you feel are more suitable, or switch them around.

Have fun!

## Jeopardy Grid for white board, Smartboard or Word document

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 2</b>	<b>Category 3</b>	<b>Category 4</b>	<b>Category 5</b>
<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>
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<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

## Teacher's Question/Answer Grid


## Passive Voice Jeopardy: Teacher's A/Q grid

Culture	Entertainment	Technology	History	Bonus
<p><b>Who painted the “Mona Lisa”?</b> It was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.</p>	<p><b>Which company invented the Play Station?</b> It was invented by Sony.</p>	<p><b>Which company created the iPod?</b> It was created by Apple.</p>	<p><b>Who discovered America in 1492?</b> It was discovered by Christopher Columbus.</p>	<p><b>Which city hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics?</b> They were hosted by Vancouver.</p>
<p><b>Who wrote “Romeo and Juliet”?</b> It was written by William Shakespeare.</p>	<p><b>Who directed “Avatar”?</b> It was directed by James Cameron.</p>	<p><b>Who invented the telephone?</b> It was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.</p>	<p><b>Who invaded Asia in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century?</b> It was invaded by Genghis Khan.</p>	<p><b>Who first climbed Mount Everest?</b> It was climbed by Sir Edmund Hillary.</p>
<p><b>Who created the statue David?</b> It was created by Michelangelo.</p>	<p><b>Who played the role of Jack Sparrow in “Pirates of the Caribbean”?</b> It was played by Johnny Depp.</p>	<p><b>Who founded Microsoft?</b> It was founded by Bill Gates.</p>	<p><b>Which American president did Lee Harvey Oswald assassinate in 1963?</b> John F. Kennedy was assassinated by L. H. Oswald.</p>	<p><b>Who discovered the Law of Relativity?</b> It was discovered by Einstein.</p>
<p><b>Daily Double</b> <b>Who composed Symphony No.5 in C Minor?</b> It was composed by Beethoven.</p>	<p><b>Who wrote the Harry Potter series?</b> It was written by J.K. Rowling.</p>	<p><b>Which company launched the Prius?</b> It was launched by Toyota.</p>	<p><b>Which country sent the first astronaut into space?</b> He was sent into space by the USSR/Soviet Union.</p>	<p><b>What destroyed the ancient city of Pompeii?</b> It was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius/ a volcano.</p>
<p><b>Where did Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal?</b> It was built in Agra, India.</p>	<p><b>Who wrote “All You Need is Love”?</b> It was written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon.</p>	<p><b>Which company invented the microprocessor?</b> It was invented by Intel.</p>	<p><b>Which African leaders won the Nobel Prize in 1993?</b> It was won by Nelson Mandela and Fredrik Willem de Klerk.</p>	<p><b>What famous monument did France give the USA In 1886?</b> The Statue of Liberty was given to the USA by France.</p>

## Idioms Jeopardy: Teacher's A/Q grid

FOOD	ANIMALS	COLOURS	SPORTS	TIME
A lazy person is a _____. <b>couch potato</b>	When you have a short rest, you take a _____ nap. <b>cat</b>	A not very serious lie is a _____ lie. <b>White</b>	The best person in a contest is the _____. <b>front runner</b>	Neither late or early for something is _____. <b>on time</b>
A bad movie with a stupid plot is _____. <b>cheesy</b>	When you eat too much of your favorite food, you _____ out. <b>pig</b>	If you're feeling sad, you have the _____. <b>blues</b>	If you are lost and don't know what you're doing, you're _____. <b>out in left field</b>	Doing something faster than you think is making _____. <b>good time</b>
When you want to be on someone's good side, you _____ them up. <b>butter</b>	When it rains really hard, it rains _____. <b>cats and dogs</b>	If you wish you had what someone else has, you're _____ with envy. <b>green</b>	Something that is normal or expected is _____. <b>par for the course</b>	<b>DAILY DOUBLE</b> When you're having fun, _____. <b>time flies</b>
Someone you are very proud of is the _____ of your eye. <b>apple</b>	When you don't do something because you're afraid, you _____ out. <b>chicken</b>	When you need something from the government, you have to go through a lot of _____ tape. <b>red</b>	When it's your turn to do something, the _____. <b>ball is in your court</b>	When you have nothing to do, you have _____. <b>time on your hands</b>
Something that sells very fast sells like _____. <b>hot cakes</b>	When you can't sit still, you have _____ in your pants. <b>ants</b>	A once in a lifetime chance is a _____. <b>golden</b>	When you're in a dangerous situation, you're _____. <b>skating on thin ice</b>	When you're really enjoying yourself, you're having _____. <b>the time of your life</b>

## Canadian Slang Jeopardy: Teacher's A/Q grid

<b>BLACK</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>PURPLE</b>
<p>A \$1 coin</p> <p><b>loonie</b></p>	<p>A member of the national police force</p> <p><b>Mountie</b></p>	<p>A soft drink like Coke</p> <p><b>pop</b></p>	<p>What you wipe your hands and mouth on when you eat</p> <p><b>serviette</b></p>	<p>An expression you add the end of a sentence</p> <p><b>eh</b></p>
<p>A nickname for a French Canadian</p> <p><b>frog</b></p>	<p>A garment you wear over your pyjamas</p> <p><b>housecoat</b></p>	<p><b>DAILY DOUBLE</b> Another word for whisky</p> <p><b>rye</b></p>	<p>A woollen hat you wear in the winter</p> <p><b>toque</b></p>	<p>A word for kilometres</p> <p><b>clicks</b></p>
<p>A machine that you can drive in the snow</p> <p><b>skidoo</b></p>	<p>Coffee at Tim Horton's with 2 creams and 2 sugars</p> <p><b>double double</b></p>	<p>A nickname for Canadian and a member of the Vancouver hockey team</p> <p><b>Canuck</b></p>	<p>A public toilet facility</p> <p><b>washroom</b></p>	<p>A popular beer brewed by Molson's</p> <p><b>Canadian</b></p>
<p>A one-room apartment</p> <p><b>bachelor</b></p>	<p>Another name for a sofa</p> <p><b>chesterfield</b></p>	<p>Macaroni and cheese</p> <p><b>Kraft dinner</b></p>	<p>An indoor place to park your car</p> <p><b>parkade</b></p>	<p>An outdoor toilet</p> <p><b>biffy</b></p>
<p>French fries with milk curd and gravy</p> <p><b>poutine</b></p>	<p>Marijuana grown in British Columbia</p> <p><b>BC bud</b></p>	<p>Another name for electric power in British Columbia</p> <p><b>hydro</b></p>	<p>A machine in the kitchen that grinds up kitchen scraps</p> <p><b>garberator</b></p>	<p>Senior citizens who go south for the winter</p> <p><b>snowbirds</b></p>