

Max presents... : “Good luck” Blackbird



Max : Live from Graphoville! **You all know** me, Maximillion, (but all of **you call** me Max) here to present the game-show **you all love**, ‘Good Luck’! And here is our first contestant! Hello! What subject would you like?

Mr Blackbird : **I want** to win a lot of money.

Max : What? Mr.... Mr.. sorry, your name again?

Mr Blackbird : Mr Blackbird. **I want** a good subject to get a lot of money.

Max : What do you call a good subject?

Mr Blackbird : Money, of course. **I love** money! Do all the questions give me the same amount of money? **I always choose** the questions with the most money, **you understand**. How much do I win for each answer?

So **you like** money. Well in ‘Good Luck’ **they all give** you €1000. So? What subject?



Mr Blackbird : Economics. **I usually take** economics.

Max : How surprising! Right then, ladies and gentlemen, here is the first question for Mr Blackbird of Graphoville. **You see** a TV in a shop with a 15% reduction. For the full price **you pay** €457. How much do you pay with the reduction?

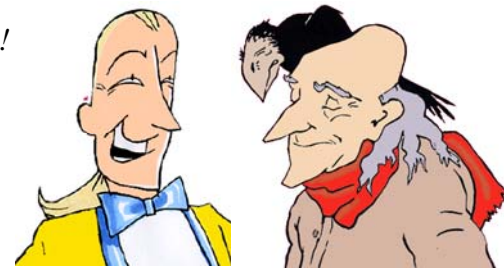
Mr Blackbird : What do you think, Koko? **I often ask** Koko about money! And **I spend** a lot of time counting money.

Hmmm... €388.45 exactly.

Max : Yes!!! €1000 for Mr Greedy. Congratulations!

We all admire your quick thinking.

Do you want to go on or do you prefer to stop?



Mr Blackbird : Do I risk losing my money if **I continue**? **I never risk** money!

Max : Yes you do! **You risk** losing your €1000. What do you want to do?

Mr Blackbird : No, no. I don’t want to continue. **I hate** to lose money.

I prefer to stop, thanks all the same.

Max : Thank you, Mr Blackbird. And now for the next contestant in ‘Good Luck’.

Max presents... : Maximillion and the lovely Kelly



Max : And now **we have** the charming Kelly. **You work** in a clothes shop, **I believe**. What sort of clothes, Miss Kelly?

Kelly : **We sell** all kinds of clothes.

Max : What subject would you like, Miss Kelly?

Kelly : Fashion, please.

Max : Of course! **I think** you will have no problems...

Here we are: "What do we call the traditional dress in Japan?"

Kelly : **We call** it the kimono!



Georgina: My dear girl! For a clothes expert, **you dress** very badly! Well, **you try** to be fashionable, **I suppose** ...

Arthur : **You always criticise** everything, Janet! I find her very pretty, this young lady.

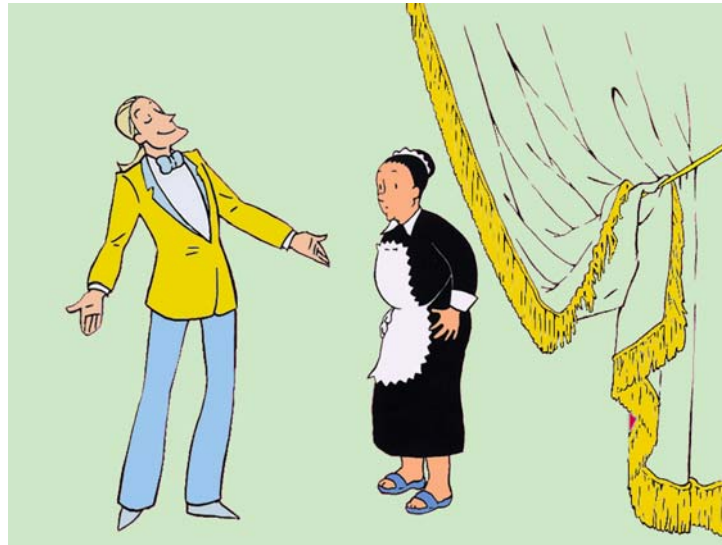
Georgina: Silly old man! **You always compliment** a pretty girl.

You look at them all the time! But **they ignore** you.

Ah! Who is the next player?



Max presents... : A shy little lady



Max : And now here is a young woman. Oh dear! **She seems** very timid.

Ivy : Indeed I am.

Nini : Look, Jojo. It's Ivy! She's very brave!

Jojo : Yes. But **she looks** very nervous.

Max : OK. **What subject interests** you most?

Ivy : Well I am not very cultivated – but **my garden grows** very well. **It gives** me vegetables all year round. Oh well, **nature suits** me fine because **it teaches** me a lot.

Max : Nature. Well, you are lucky. **The question concerns** vegetables. When do you plant parsley seeds?

Ivy : Well that's a simple one. **It goes** without saying! **Parsley only grows** if you plant the seeds on Good Friday, just before Easter. **Everybody who applies** this method will succeed!

Max : Bravo! So practical! **Ivy never buys** her vegetables.

Jojo : **She knows** her subject, does Ivy. Maybe **she watches** gardening programmes. Look. **She wins** €1000.

Nini : Yes. **Max probably knows** nothing about vegetables. I suppose **he tries!** **She wants** to stop.

Jojo : Look! There's **the man** who **drives** the van and **brings** lots of catalogues.



Max presents... : Now for Mr. Peter Patter!



Peter Patter : Here I am! Barney Stone! **The man** who **knows** what you like and **brings** it direct to your home! **The man** who **satisfies** all your desires! **A person** never **cries** if **he buys** from Peter Patter!!



Max : Excellent, Mr Stone. **He speaks** very well, ladies and gentlemen! Your subject please, Peter?

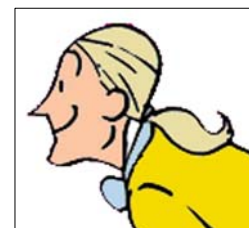
Peter Patter : Any subject! For Peter Patter **everything looks** good! So, I'll choose ... let's see... **ECONOMICS**.

Max : "True or false: the average **person receives** at least one free **gift** a month."

Peter Patter : No idea about the average person, but **any client** of Peter Patter **receives** at least two from Peter Patter and Co!

Max : Hear that, ladies and gents? **Mr P gives** 2 presents a month. And your answer, Mr. Patter ?

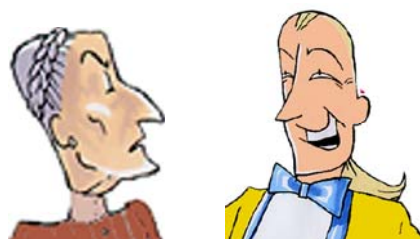
Peter Patter : I think it's true. **Any other customer gets** less than a Peter Patter customer!



Grace: You see, Sabrina, that **Mr Patter sells** his products really well. We need him in our supermarket. **He speaks** so well.

Sabrina : Oh! Be quiet, Grace! I didn't hear Max and I don't know if the answer was right.

Angila : Not a problem. Look at the next candidate! She's the governess at the castle. **She teaches** the countess's niece and nephew. **She frightens** everyone. But not Max, it **seems!**



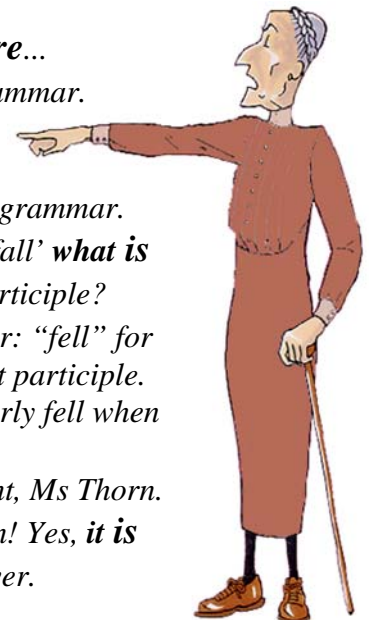
Max presents... : Maximillion and Ms Rose Thorn



Max : Hello. Madame. And **your name is**...
Ms Rose Thorn : **I am** Ms Rose Thorn.
Max : OK, Ms Thorn. And **the five subjects are**...
Ms Rose Thorn : I hope **there are** some questions on grammar.



Max : Grammar? Yes, **we have** questions on grammar.
The first question is: For the verb 'to fall' **what is** the past tense? And **what is** the past participle?
Ms Rose Thorn : Oh **that is** so simple. **I have** the answer: "fell" for the past tense. And "fallen" for the past participle. For example, Mr. Maximillion, you nearly fell when you stepped back on this small stage!
Max : I nearly fell! Ha ha! **You are** quite right, Ms Thorn. **She is** quite right, ladies and gentlemen! Yes, **it is** marvelous! **You have** the correct answer.



Nini : Did you hear that? **She is** perhaps impossible, but **she is** very clever. And now **she has** €1000!
We are happy. Maybe she will buy us some sweets!

Jojo : **They are** not for us, **that is** for sure!
I think **there is** another question. Look, **Max has** another question.



Max presents... : Miss Thorn gets it right



Max : Ms Rose Thorn **is** ready for the next question.
Can you hear me, Ms Thorn?
Ms Rose Thorn : Not so loud, young man! I can hear you perfectly well. **I am** not deaf! My hearing **is** in fact excellent.

Max : So you **have** excellent hearing. Ladies and gentlemen, if Ms Thorn from Graphoville wins, she **has** the sum of 6000 € and a place in the grand finale! But if the answer **is** incorrect, she loses everything! Ready for the next question?

Ms Rose Thorn : **I have** no fear! My grammar **is** excellent.

Max : The next question **is**: "All verbs in the present simple tense, third person singular **have** a particular characteristic. Name the characteristic, please, Ms Thorn.

Ms Rose Thorn : Easy! They all end in 's'!

Max : All the verbs end in 's', you say?

Ms Rose Thorn : Yes. All verbs in the present simple tense, third person singular end in 's'.

Max : **EXACTLY!** That is the right answer! All of your answers **are** right! Congratulations! We **have** an excellent candidate.!

Nini : Incredible! All her answers **are** right!

Jojo : Maybe, but just wait for the grand finale...



Max presents... : Maximillion and Major



Major :

Well? **I do not have** all day, you know!

Max :

We do not have all day either, sir! Who are you?

Major :

Major. My name is Major.

Max :

Major what? I suppose **Major is not** your only name.

Major :

I do not have any other names.

Max :

That does not surprise me, ladies and gentlemen!

Major :

I do not want any other question but History.

Max :

So Mr Major wants a question on History. **We are not** surprised. For €1000 here is the question. What happened in 1066?

Major :

That is not difficult. William the Conqueror conquered England. King Harald got an arrow in his eye. **Who does not know** that?

Max :

Correct. **You do not take** long to answer, Mr Major. **He does not waste** time, ladies and gentlemen.



Georgina :

Ah, our neighbour Mr Major is on the stage. **He does not seem** very pleased. **Max does not know** him at all! But what a man! What presence on stage! **He does not give** any wrong answers. Look! He has €1000. **He doesn't throw** his money about.

Arthur :

But **we don't throw** our money about, either. **You're not** fair, Georgina. (**She is not** at all fair! Never!)

Georgina :

Oh, you take everything so seriously, my poor Arthur. **You are not** a gentleman. You're nothing but an old grump!



Max presents... : Comments in the audience



Ginny Porter : Oh dear! Major didn't give the right answer for the second question. He **doesn't look** very happy!

Miss Softly : I **don't think** he will stay in the competition. He wants to leave the stage, but Max **doesn't want** him to go. He will get the consolation prize.

Ginny Porter : Yes, Max is wonderful. I **don't understand** why some people **don't like** him. He **doesn't deserve** all that criticism!



Miss Softly : Look, Mrs Porter, that's Con Jugate standing next to Max now. You know, he **doesn't have** a very good job, but he is very cultivated.

Ginny Porter : You **don't see** him without a book. He **doesn't have** any school qualifications. He is self-educated.

Miss Softly : Look, Con is continuing. I **don't suppose** he will stop before the end. And the questions **don't get** any easier. We **don't know** the answers, that's for sure! If he reaches the final, he will meet that rather snobbish woman ...



Ginny Porter : Ah yes, the woman who **doesn't like** anything but grammar. That will be a good contest.

Miss Softly : Oh, Con Jugate wants to continue! It's his seventh question! He will go to the final if he **doesn't get** this answer wrong...

Ginny Porter : Well well! He has succeeded! He has won! Look, Max is calling that Ms Thorn for the final! They **don't seem** to be at all nervous.



Max presents... : Rose Thorn against Con Jugate!



Max : *And now, ladies and gentlemen, **are you** ready for the Grand Finale at Graphoville? And the two finalists? **Are they** here? Do you see them? **Do they seem** nervous? Or **do they look** calm? I give you the infinitive of 4 verbs. Ms Rose Thorn will give us a question in the second person singular and Mr. Con Jugate a question in the third person singular. **Do you understand**, the two of you? OK. Let's begin. First verb, 'to pick'.*

Ms Rose Thorn : ***Do I start?** Is it my turn? Yes? So my question is: '**Do you pick** flowers in your garden?'*

Con Jugate : *And my question is: '**Does she pick** apples from my tree?'*

Max : *You're right. Both answers are right. Next verb, 'to sleep'.*

Ms Rose Thorn : ***'Do you** sometimes **sleep** very late in the morning?'*

Con Jugate : ***'Does your cat sleep** all day?'*

Max : *Excellent!! And the third verb. 'To boil'.*

Ms Rose Thorn : ***'Do you boil** eggs for breakfast?'*

Con Jugate : ***'Does Max boil** with impatience when we answer the questions? **Am I** correct?'*

Max : *Correct. And you are boiling with impatience to hear the last verb. 'To read'. You have three seconds each.*

Ms Rose Thorn : *'What sort of magazines **do you read**?'*

Con Jugate : ***'Does Max read** magazines or books?'*

Max : *Our two contestants are very good today. They are both equal. **Do we congratulate** them? Of course we do, ladies and gentlemen! **Do you think** you can both come to the super finale in the capital on the 31st December?*



Max presents... : Celebrities at the theatre



Max : **Do you know** our next guest? Who **do you think** it is? She is our divine prima donna. **Do you have** an idea now? She is doing a grand tour in the country. Where **do you suppose** she is now? Yes! She's here in our beautiful town of Graphoville for the shooting of a film... We have great pleasure in introducing Miss... MARIA ARIA !

Max : **Do we have** another famous guest? Yes! She is the star of the new film by Jack Clintwood. Where **do they prefer** to shoot the film? You are right! They prefer Graphoville! **Does she agree** to appear on our programme. Of course she does! **Do I have** to tell you her name? It's Miss.... EDWINA ARTY !



Max : And when you say Edwina Arty, which other actor **do you think** of immediately? **Does he act** with her still? Yes! They are appearing together one more time in a new film. Who **do we see** with her on the screen? No other than... PAUL HANSOME !



Max : And here is our great film director! **Does he want** to tell us about his film? We hope so. This fabulous film called simply "The Film". Clap your hands everyone. **Do we have** a round of applause for Mr... JACK CLINTWOOD !



(A very loud noise, in the drum section of the orchestra.)



Major : Sabotage!!! Why are all these wires here?!

Ms Rose Thorn : Well! He didn't nearly fall. He really fell!

