

Gangster Contest

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In the centre of the room, a colourfully dressed GAME SHOW HOST (50) stands behind a podium. On his left and behind a smaller podium, is CONTESTANT A (30), just a regular guy. On the right, behind another smaller podium, is a short GANGSTER CONTESTANT (60), in a smart black suit. The room is well lit. Behind everyone and high up above is a large screen that currently says 'GTMPE-A!!!'

GAME SHOW HOST

Hello viewers and welcome to another edition of hit game show 'Guess the Most Popular Answer-ama!' where two contestants try and guess the most popular answers to questions!

The AUDIENCE cheers.

GAME SHOW HOST

But first, let's get to know each other! Contestant A, what's your name and what do you do?

CONTESTANT A

I'd rather not say.

The GANGSTER nods his head.

GAME SHOW HOST

Why not?

The GANGSTER mimes getting his throat slashed. The GSH looks towards the GANGSTER and scratches his head.

GAME SHOW HOST

Why aren't you letting him say his name?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT

I'm not sure, exactly.

GAME SHOW HOST

Power?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT

You, know? I think you're right.

GAME SHOW HOST

Can I ask your name?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT

No.

GAME SHOW HOST

Can I ask anything about you?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 You can call me 'Gangster Contestant'
 and ask my shoe size.

GAME SHOW HOST
 And what is that?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 11.

GAME SHOW HOST
 And why is your shoe size
 significant?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 It's a palindrome.

The AUDIENCE groans with offence. CONTEST A looks down in
 shame.

GAME SHOW HOST
 Oh no. Another palindrome freak. Let
 me guess, you saw a deranged old lady
 write something like '12321' on a
 wall and now you can't think of
 anything else. And I guess that led
 you to a life of crime somehow? Let's
 blame numbers rather than yourself.
 Am I right?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 Watch it.

GAME SHOW HOST
 Am I right?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 You'd be obsessed with the numbers
 too if you saw enough of them.

GAME SHOW HOST
 Idiot.

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
 111.

The AUDIENCE shouts 'No!!' and 'Why??'

GAME SHOW HOST
 Great! So we have some guy and
 another person with feet I'd rather
 not describe! Let's start the show!

A jingle is heard. The HOST turns round and looks up to the
 screen. It now says 'Name something you slice'.

GAME SHOW HOST
Well... Contestant A, can you name
something you can slice for me,
please?

CONTESTANT A
A tomato?

GAME SHOW HOST
And Gangster Contestant?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
A muppet's face.

The HOST widens his eyes.

GAME SHOW HOST
I'm sorry?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
You heard.

GAME SHOW HOST
Right you are. Let's have a look at
the scores!

A ping is heard. The HOST turns round again, to see the
screen saying 'Tomato 150 points, Muppet's Face zero points.

GAME SHOW HOST
I hate to say this gangster, but you
score no points...

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
I'VE slashed a muppet's face, though.

Another jingle is heard. The HOST turns around and reads
from the screen again.

GAME SHOW HOST
Next question!

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
No more questions.

The HOST stares at the GANGSTER, blankly.

GAME SHOW HOST
I'm sorry?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
You will be sorry. 232.

MAN IN AUDIENCE
You scumbag!

GAME SHOW HOST
Next question: Name something people
are afraid of.

CONTESTANT A
Spiders!

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Me.

A ping is heard. The screen says 'Spiders 36 points, Me 161
points.

GAME SHOW HOST
It seems Mr. Gangster is back in the
game! A good looking number, too. No!
That's not what I meant!

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Yes! Going to win me £1,000!

GAME SHOW HOST
So you're not going to steal
Contestant A's money if he wins?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Wouldn't it be your money,
technically speaking?

GAME SHOW HOST
No.

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
But there'd be a brief period it was
yours?

GAME SHOW HOST
I guess...

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
I'll find a way of getting the money.

GAME SHOW HOST
You'll take the money just before I
hand it to Contestant A, and that way
you won't be robbing him, technically
speaking?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Right!

GAME SHOW HOST
So then you'll be robbing me?

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
It wouldn't look like a robbery. It
would look like you're handing me
money.

GAME SHOW HOST
Contestant A's money.

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Enough games. Just give me the money.

GAME SHOW HOST
No!

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
Go on.

Another jingle is heard. The HOST turns around again.

GAME SHOW HOST
Next question! Name something that
makes a lot of noise.

CONTESTANT A
Police cars chasing the gangster.

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
The game show host, all the flippin'
time.

A ping is heard. The GSH does more turning.

GAME SHOW HOST
Both contestants have 20 points,
annoyingly.

And another jingle... And more turning.

GAME SHOW HOST
Next question is 'Name something that
moves very slowly'.

CONTESTANT A
Time in this studio.

GANGSTER CONTESTANT
The host after I've finished with
him.

GAME SHOW HOST
Look, if you're going to keep
threatening me, I will call the
police.

A thunderous sound is heard, as bits of the roof crash to
the ground.

Dust gradually rises up and makes everyone choke. Now the blue skies are seen. From above, an OLD LADY hangs from a rope. A helicopter's blade is heard.

OLD LADY

Palindromes rock! Here's a question
for you! How awesome is the Keema
Nan?? VERY awesome! One thousand and
eleven points!

GAME SHOW HOST

We've been trolled! Stop the filming!
Stop the filming!

GANGSTER CONTESTANT

Here's a nice number! One hundred and
twenty three thousand, three hundred
and twen...