

Two Whats?! & A Wow! - Totally Q's of the Heart
By Kenny Curtis

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

(SOUNDBITE OF THEME MUSIC, "TWO WHATS?! AND A WOW!")

Announcer. It's Two Whats?! And a Wow! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)
With your hosts, Mindy and Guy Raz! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHEERING)

Voices. (singing) Two whats! Two what's? Two whats! Two whats? Two what's! Two what's? Two what's! And a wow!

(THEME MUSIC ENDS)

Mindy. Helloooooo and welcome to Two Whats?! And A Wow!

Voices. (singing theme) Two whats and a wow!

Guy Raz. The scientific game show that separates the wows from the whaaaaats?!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE CHUCKLING)

Guy Raz. And the category or theme for today is...

(SOUNDBITE OF DRUM ROLL)

Guy Raz. Hearts! (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE SAYING "AWW") Yes, we love you! So Mindy, what don't you bring everyone up to speed on how the game works?

Mindy. You know it, Guy Raz! Wowzers, in each of our three rounds today, Guy Raz and I will present you with three scientific statements about the heart (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE OOH/AHH), but, and this is a BIG BUT (SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)...only one of those statements will be a true wow! The other two, just a couple of made up "whaaats"!

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE LAUGHTER)

Guy Raz. Now in each round, if you guess correctly, congratulations! You win a point!

Mindy. Butttt, if you guess incorrectly, you must stop, drop, and do a ridiculous physical challenge.

(SOUNDBITE OF AUDIENCE REACT WOOHOO! / SHH!)

Guy Raz. Okay, everyone ready to get started?

Mindy. Great, then let's get to it!

Guy Raz. Okay, round one. Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," a shark's heart is made of cartilage?

Mindy. or is it b) a jellyfish's heart weights less than 2 ounces

Guy Raz. or is it c) the octopus has three hearts (wow)

Mindy. when you think you know the answer, give the person next to you a biiig hug ...psst! Hey reggie!

Reggie: (side stage) cool!

Mindy. cue the thinking music!

Reggie: (side stage) cool

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<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. annnnd time is up! It's time to reveal the winning wow!

Mindy. and to do just that, it's merritt (mare-it) from new jersey! Merritt, give us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner, calamari for dinner!

Guy Raz. thank you, merritt! Contestants, if you guessed the answer c) the octopus has three hearts, then you got the winning wow! Great job, wowzers!

Mindy. two of the octopus's hearts have the job of moving blood past the gills, so that carbon dioxide can go out and oxygen can come in. Just like our lungs do for us! The third heart has the special job of making sure all that oxygen-rich blood gets to all the organs and the muscles giving the octopus energy.

Guy Raz. fun fact about that third heart, mindy... it actually stops beating when the octopus swims! This is why the octopus prefers to crawl rather than swim, because swimming really tires them out.

Mindy. that is a fun fact, guy raz!

Guy Raz. thanks mindy

Mindy. I wish I had an extra heart...

Guy Raz. trust me mindy, you have plenty of heart..

Mindy. awwww, thanks guy razzie! Now, if any of you did not get that answer correct, you must stop, drop, and ... crawl around on the floor like an octopus who doesn't feel like swimming!

<<audience reacts>>

Guy Raz. round two....Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it, a) the average healthy adult human heart is about the size of an adult foot.

Mindy. or is it b) the human heart beats about 100,000 times per day (wow)

Guy Raz. or is it c) your heart rate can be accurately measured with a thermometer.

Mindy. hmmm... lots to think about here. When you think you know the answer, tap out some beats on your chest like an extra heart!

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Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone, it's rose from washington to reveal our winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner heart-shaped beets for dinner! ... only it's beets not "beats"... Like the vegetable....

Guy Raz. thank you,rose! Wowzers, if you guessed b) the human heart beats about 100,000 times per day, you got the winning wow! Congratulations!

Mindy. the human heart pumps around 2,000 gallons of blood through your body every day!

Guy Raz. but you don't have 2,000 gallons of blood in your body. You only have about a gallon and a half. Your heart keeps moving all of this blood around your body delivering oxygen everywhere and that circulation adds up to around two thousand gallons.

Mindy. now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and ...put your head on a friend's chest and listen to their heart beat

<<audience reacts>>

Mindy. and now it's time to thank our sponsors! Today's show is brought to you by... red blood cells! These little buddies are inside our blood and are very important part of our circulatory system

Guy Raz. that's right mindy. Red blood cells deliver something very important!

Mindy. pizza?

Guy Raz. no!

Mindy. ...kale...

Guy Raz. no! Red blood cells deliver oxygen to all of the important parts of your body.

Mindy. oh yeah, I thought meant something besides that... all of the oxygen in your body is brought to you by red blood cells. Just like this episode of two whats and a wow!

Guy Raz. all right, thank you red blood cells! Now let's take a quick break and hear some other important messages for grown-ups.

<<applause>>

<<spot break>>

Guy Raz. welcome back to two what's and a wow!

Mindy. the scientific game show that separates the wow's from the whaaaats?

Guy Raz. and now we're on to our final round of questions! Round three! Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow. Is it, a) birds do not have hearts

Mindy. or is it b) the elephant has the largest heart of any mammal

Guy Raz. or is it c) a whale's heart can be as big as a car (wow)

Mindy. take a second to think this over, and when you know the answer, yell "be still my beating heart"!

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<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone with the answer, it's riley from north carolina! Riley, please tell us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner, blubber for dinner!

Guy Raz. that's right, riley! Wowzers, if you guessed c) a whale's heart can be as big as a car , you got the winning wow! Congratulations!

Mindy. it's true! A blue whale has the largest heart in the animal kingdom! (sorry elephants) weighing about 400 pounds!

Guy Raz. that's about the same weight as a full-grown gorilla and roughly the size of a small car! Another fun fact... when the blue whale dives down to feed, its heartbeat slows down. It might even only beat two times every minute!

Mindy. now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and ...sing a song like a humpback whale!!! <<mindy vocalizes>>

Guy Raz. wait. Mindy, I thought you got the answer right?

Mindy. I did. But you know me – I can't resist a catchy tune...

<<audience reacts>>

Guy Raz. Well, congratulations to all of our winning wowzers! Mindy, what's today's prize?

Mindy. Today, all of our winning wowzers will receive their very own, personal... hug!

Guy Raz. A hug?

Mindy. Yep. Nothing touches the heart quite like a hug from someone who loves you.

Reggie. Cool!

Mindy. Fire away!

Reggie. Cool!

(Soundbite of prize cannon fire)

(Soundbite of audience members hugging and saying "aww!")

Mindy. Hugs!

Guy Raz. Oh! Uh... (Soundbite of hug) you know, that does feel pretty great!

Mindy. Of course it does Guy Raz, and that one was just for you!

(Soundbite of audience "Aww")

Guy Raz. Aw, thanks mindy!

Mindy. You know it!

Guy Raz. Well, that's about all the time we have for today, but if you want to keep the fun going even longer, be sure to come back for another round of Two Whats?! And A Wow!

Mindy & Guy Raz. Keep on wowing!

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