

Two Whats?! & A Wow! - The Long Run
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. Long stuff! Mindy, what don't you refresh our contestants 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 things that are really, really long! (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. But, 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 this show going?

(Soundbite of audience cheering)

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

Guy Raz. Alright, round one.... Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it "A," the world's longest boardwalk is in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates?

Mindy. Or is it "B," the longest corn dog ever was 15 feet long and sold on coney island in 1819?

Guy Raz. Or is it "C," the world's longest and first boardwalk is in Atlantic city, New Jersey?

Mindy. When you think you know the answer, close your eyes and concentrate on growing your fingernails out really really long!... Psst, reggie!

Reggie. Coool!

Mindy. we need a little thinking music here!

Reggie. Coool!

<<tape player button>>

<<thinking music>>

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

Mindy. and to do just that, it's nathan (nay -thin) from new jersey. Nathan, give us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner, corn dogs for dinner!.... Man, I really want a corn dog right now...

Guy Raz. thank you, nathan! Contestants, if you guessed the answer c) the world's longest and first boardwalk is in atlantic city new jersey, then you got the winning wow! Great job, wowzers!

Mindy. it's true. The atlantic city boardwalk is the longest and oldest one ever built in any part of the world.

Guy Raz. it was originally built in 1870 as a way to keep sand away from the hotels and resorts that were being built right along the beach. People wanted to walk from place to place, but they didn't want to walk through the sand, so the idea of a wooden walkway that would be about 8 ft wide was presented. And the rest is history!

Mindy. and for anyone keeping track, the world's largest corn dog (that we know of) is actually a fiberglass structure on the roof of a corn dog restaurant in oregon. It's 30 feet long!

Guy Raz. and no, you can't eat it.

Mindy. I know.., bummer.. this is not helping my corn dog craving.

Guy Raz. well at least we have the show to keep us busy!

Mindy. good point, guy raz! Now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and ... pretend to be sunbathing on the beach!

Guy Raz. on to round two....Which of the following statements is a true, scientific wow? Is it, a) a giraffe's tongue can be 20 in long .(wow)

Mindy. or is it b) baby giraffes love corn dogs!.

Guy Raz. or is it c) a giraffe's legs are actually three or four feet longer than its neck!

Mindy. hmmm... lots to think about here. When you think you know the answer, stick out your tongue and your neck at the same time!

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<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone, it's our friends cadence (kay-dinse) and cici (see-see) with the winning wow

<<air caller>>

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<<fanfare>>

Mindy. winner winner! Lollipops and ice cream cones for dinner!

Guy Raz. thank you, cadence and cici ! Wowzers, if you guessed a) a giraffe's tongue can be 20 in long, then you got the winning wow! Way to go!

Mindy. everybody knows giraffes have long necks, but they also have really long purplish tongues.

Guy Raz. their tongues have an unusual color because they contain melanin which is a pigment that protects them from ultraviolet rays. Giraffes spend up to 12 hours a day in the african sun using their tongues to pull leaves off of trees so they can eat – so their tongues have natural sunscreen!

Mindy. now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and ... go get me a corn dog.

Guy Raz. really?

Mindy. what? I'm starving over here. And I can't stop thinking about corn dogs!!!

<<audience reacts>>

Mindy. and now it's time to thank our sponsors! Today's show is brought to you by...

Gr; please don't say corn dogs.

Mindy. ... tiny tabitha's toe-long hot dogs!

Guy Raz. don't you mean footlong hot dogs?

Mindy. nope. Tiny tabitha knows that not everybody wants a footlong hot dog. – or, in my case a corn dog. Sometimes you just want a little snack! That's why tiny tammy has her toe long hot dogs. These dogs are bite-sized and perfect for after school snacks. So if a footlong is too long, reach for tiny tabitha's toe-long hot dogs! ...

Guy Raz. thank you, tiny tabitha! 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) the longest baseball game in history was 20 innings long.

Mindy. or is it b) a chess match cannot last longer than 2 hours

Guy Raz. or is it c) people have played fortnite for longer than humans have existed on the planet. (wow)

Mindy. take a second to think this over, and when you think you know the answer, call a timeout, so you can take even more time to think it over !

<<tape player button>>

<<thinking music>>

Guy Raz. time's up! And joining us by phone with the answer, it's grady (gray-dee) from maryland. Grady, please tell us the winning wow!

<<air caller>>

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Mindy. winner winner, llamas and bananas for dinner!

Guy Raz. good job, grady! Wowzers, if you guessed c) people have played fortnite for longer than humans have existed on the planet , you nailed it! You got the winning wow! Way to go!

Mindy. forbes magazine reports that people spend a total of 3.8 billion days – which is about 10.4 million years – playing the video game fortnite... which is almost twice the amount of time that human beings have been on the planet!

Guy Raz. and if anyone is wondering, the longest baseball game actually went 33 innings – and the longest chess match took more than 20 hours!

Mindy. now if you did not get the answer right, you must stop, drop, and replace the batteries in your game controller.

(Soundbite of audience laughing)

(Soundbite of stomach growling)

Guy Raz. What was that?

Mindy. Oh, Guy Raz, that sound can mean only one thing!

Guy Raz. You're still thinking about corn dogs, aren't you?

Mindy. Obviously!

(Soundbite of audience laughing)

Mindy. But that sound also means it's time for today's winning wowzers prize! Today, all of our winning wowzers will be receiving their very own tape measure!

(Soundbite of audience "ooh")

Mindy. Want to know for sure how long something is? Use a tape measure! It's like a ruler, but it's way longer and it's all bendy and flexible! So you know what time it is?

Guy Raz. It's... measuring time?

Mindy. Yeah! And then it's gonna be lunch time! Alright, Reg! Ready with that prize cannon?

Reggie. Cool!

Mindy. Fire away!

Reggie. Cool!

(Soundbite of prize cannon firing)

(Soundbite of tape measures landing on the ground)

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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