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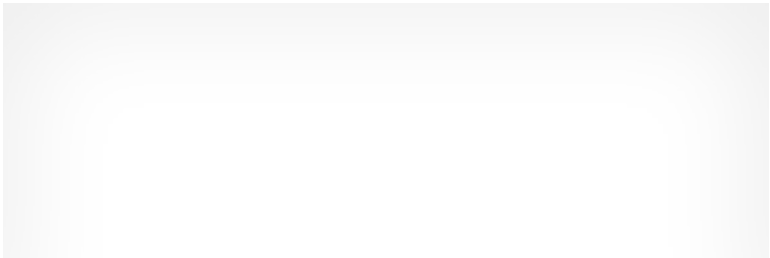
JEREMY CLARKSON - who fronts ITV show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? - shared his thoughts on a recent study which claimed 1978 was the "worst year" in British history.

**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: Jeremy criticises the contestant**

Earlier this week, researchers from Warwick University claimed people of Britain were at their most unhappy in 1978.

The latter year and the first two months of 1979 are best remembered for the Winter of Discontent, where strikes took place and caused various disruptions.

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[Jeremy Clarkson \(/search?s=jeremy+clarkson\)](#) shared his thoughts on the study as he recalled his first year of working during the strikes.

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In his column with The Sun newspaper, he wrote: "It's been claimed that 1978 was the worst year in British history.

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but that wasn't  
possible either**  
Jeremy Clarkson

"I was going to argue with this. But then I remembered that this was the year when I started work."

The Grand Tour host went on to say he was "excited" to start work at a local newspaper office, but was told to "go home" due to strikes.

He added: "I then sat about for two months with no pay and watched the rubbish pile up outside because the dustbin men were also on strike, along with nurses, train drivers, lorry drivers, car workers and everyone at the sewage plant."

Jeremy went on to describe the situation as "peak socialism" where people stood around in "donkey jackets".

He flippantly added: "Still, there was always the radio, where I could listen to Figaro by the Brotherhood Of Man, or the television, where I could watch the newly invented, but crap, Fantasy Island.

"I wanted to top myself, but that wasn't possible either, because the gravediggers were on strike as well. So yes, 1978 was pretty terrible."



Jeremy Clarkson: Who Wants To Be A Millionaire host shared his thoughts on Britain's 'worst year' (Image: GETTY)

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Jeremy Clarkson: Who Wants To Be A Millionaire host shared his thoughts about a recent study (Image: GETTY)

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Jeremy kickstarted his career as a journalist with the Rotherham Advertiser before also writing for the Rochdale Observer.

He later ventured out into television and is now widely known for previously fronting Top Gear and now The Grand Tour alongside Richard Hammond and James May.



Jeremy also fronts ITV show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? which returned to screens last year.

The show was previously presented by Chris Tarrant from 1998 to 2014 before producers revamped the series last year.

This time around, contestants have an extra lifeline where they can ask Jeremy for the answer to a question.

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Jeremy Clarkson fronts Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? on ITV (Image: ITV)



Jeremy Clarkson alongside The Grand Tour hosts Richard Hammond and James May (Image: WENN)

As before, they still have the option to choose between lifelines; ask the audience, call a friend and the 50/50 option.

[Jeremy Clarkson previously said he would be inclined to give a contestant money \(/celebrity-news/1167892/Jeremy-Clarkson-Who-Wants-To-Be-A-Millionaire-Top-gear-The-Grand-Tour-money\)](#), if they lost because of him.

"If it was a low amount - in the hundreds - definitely," he told The Sun.

"If I got it wrong though I'd have an uncomfortable night."

***Who Wants To Be A Millionaire continues tonight at 8pm on ITV.***

[Jeremy Clarkson \(/latest/jeremy-clarkson\)](#).