

## Re: OT – Jeopardy: Did anyone hear what I heard?

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On Wed, 21 Jul 2004 23:45:16 GMT, John Steinberg <[seesig@bottom.net](mailto:seesig@bottom.net)> wrote:

>I haven't watched Jeopardy since Art Fleming was replaced by the ever  
>so smarmy Alex Trebek, but tonight my wife said you just have to watch  
>this kid play.  
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>The kid is Ken Jennings, a 30–year–old software developer from Salt  
>Lake City, who has so far won over a million samolians on the program.  
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>One of the questions on tonight's episode was about cities in Belgium.  
>Young Ken buzzed in and stammered out an answer that sounded like this:  
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>`What is Broo–sells?"  
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>No, says Trebeck, the correct answer is Brussels and it's not even  
>pronounced as Broo–sells over there....  
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>Did my ears deceive me? Am I having flashbacks to Charles van Doren?  
>How could young Ken pronounce it as he had UNLESS he had crib notes and  
>just blew the pronunciation!?

The guy reads a lot. Sometimes people like that know what a word looks like, but not necessarily how to say it. I'm guessing he was going for "Bruxelles", a bizarre looking word to most English speakers and one that might well come out a lot like what I heard him say.

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