

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

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The French spelling is Bruxelles which, if my dim memories of high school French (which I completed just before Neil Armstrong did his "Tranquility Base" thing) don't fail me, would be pronounced broo–zells, to use an English phonetic spelling.

I've never been off the North American continent, so I have no idea how most Belgians pronounce the name of their capital. It seems like broo–zells ought to be good enough for a silly damned quiz show, even if the contestant has already taken it for more than \$1M. Sounds more like they're trying to trip up the young chap more than speed him on his way. (No, I don't usually watch Jeopardy. I see it only when I'm visiting my elderly parents. I prefer Wheel of Fortune, even though I ration myself to one "Where do they GET these people?" per show.)

Address altered. Replace nkbob with bobkn.

"John Steinberg" <[seesig@bottom.net](mailto:seesig@bottom.net)> wrote in message  
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- > *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?”*
- >
- > *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!?*
- >
- > *Is this the first chink in the armor of a huge new gameshow scam, or am*

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> *I just crazy from the heat?*  
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