

Unit 7 In the Spot Light

Types of TV programmes

chat shows

documentaries

TV series

music programmes

the news

quiz or game shows

reality shows

sitcoms

soap operas

sports programmes

Reality television



SURVIVOR

is a type of TV programme that presents situations without scripts and ⁵ uses unknown people instead of professional actors. The producers of these programmes guarantee entertainment ¹⁰ by choosing interesting people and editing the episodes carefully. Here are three of the most popular:

¹⁵ A group of sixteen to twenty people from different backgrounds are sent to a tropical island and divided into tribes. The tribes have to win challenges. **Contestants** ²⁰ vote off tribe members until only one final contestant remains and wins the title of Sole Survivor and a prize of \$1 million. All players receive \$10,000 to appear on the ²⁵ reunion show.

Producer- **продуцент**

Entertainment- **забавление**

Contestant- **участник**

Vote off- **изгонвам чрез гласуване**

Reunion- **повторно събиране**

AMERICAN IDOL

The aim of the show is to find the best new solo pop singer. **Viewers** can vote by telephone, by text or online. **Auditions** take place around the country and are open to anybody aged 15–28. A ³⁰ **panel** of four judges discuss the performances and the results are **broadcast** live. The prize is a one-million-dollar recording contract.

THE X FACTOR

This is another music competition to find new talent. It's the biggest television talent competition ³⁵ in Europe. Anybody over twelve can audition. Contestants are divided into four groups: female solo artists under thirty, male solo artists under thirty, singers over thirty and bands. Each judge takes one group and coaches them during ⁴⁰ **rehearsals**. The prize is a five-million-pound recording contract.

Viewer - зрител

Auditions - прослушвания

Broadcast - излъчвам

Recording contract –
звукозаписен договор

Rehearsal- репетиция

EX. 1 Complete the text. There is **one extra word**

Contestant	broadcast	auditions	reunion	rehearsal	viewers
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- 1 China has the largest number of TV _____ – 1.2 billion.
- 2 The BBC was the first European network to _____ in colour in 1966.
- 3 In 1954, Elvis Presley failed a singing _____ at a local radio station.
- 4 Each _____ for an Oscars ceremony is over four hours long.
- 5 The worst _____ on UK quiz show *Mastermind* got only one correct answer!

Ex. 2 Complete the questions. There is **one extra word**

Performance	entertainment	viewer	producer	competition	presenter	edit
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- 1 Who is your favourite TV _____ ?
- 2 Do you use 'spell check' to _____ essays?
- 3 Has anybody you know ever entered a talent _____ ?
- 4 Who is the most famous TV/film _____ in your country?
- 5 Have you ever taken part in a _____ ?
- 6 What sort of TV _____ do your parents like?