VOCABULARY Entertainment

Everyone knows *The Voice*! It's a talent show for people who want to become famous singers. All of the singers on the show are good and some of them are excellent! There are lots of other talent shows around the world as well. In many countries, talent shows are the most popular shows on TV.

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There are shows like *Got Talent* for musicians, people doing magic, singers … and lots more. There's a show for dancers, too. It's called *Strictly Come Dancing*. Every year there are new ideas for talent shows. There are even some national talent shows for robots and singing dogs!

2 _____
Yes, most of the talent shows on TV are live. It's also possible to go to the **studio** and be a member of the **audience**. Then you can watch a talent show live on **stage**.

3 _____
I'm sure you know the answer to this one. Usually, the people watching the show on TV and in the theatre **vote for** who (or what!) they like best. Sometimes famous people are the **judges** as well. On *Masterchef*, only the professional chefs choose the winner.

4 _____
In a **competition** there is always a **winner**. The winner of **the final** usually gets a **prize** and sometimes becomes a **star**. On some shows the **runner-up** gets a prize too and a few of them become stars. On a few shows, the winner gets nothing – but they often become famous!

5 _____
Most of the time, the people on the shows can say, sing or do what they want to. Sometimes, the show tells them the words to say, so they are a bit like actors or **performers**. But this doesn't happen on all the shows.

1 **Complete the sentences with the words from the article. Use each word once only.**

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1 She's the best cook on the show. I want her to win the _____.
2 There were eight singers on a small _____. It was very crowded!
3 We went to see the live show in a very big _____.
4 He won a talent show four years ago. Now he's a big _____.
5 Sometimes the person who comes second, the _____, gets upset when another person wins.
6 I'd love to be in the _____ for *Got Talent* and watch the show live.
7 The _____ for some talent shows is money and the chance to make an album.
8 Talent shows often have three _____ and they choose the best person together.
9 Talent shows end with _____ and someone wins.
10 People can _____ their favourite person by text.
11 I think some people like being on talent shows because they are _____ and like being on TV.
12 The _____ of a talent show always looks very surprised – and happy of course.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 **Work with a partner. Take turns to ask and answer the questions.**

1. Do you have any competitions in your school or your town? What are they?
2. Can you name any winners or runners-up from talent shows?
3. When did you last vote for someone on a talent show?
4. What do you think the best prize for a talent show is?
5. Would you like to be in the audience for a talent show? Why?
6. Would you like to be a performer in a talent show?
7. Do you usually agree with the judges on a talent show?
8. Which stars or famous people started by winning a talent show?

LISTENING

129 **1** **Listen to Evie talking to her friend Ben about a talent show called *Singer Search*. Who won last night's show?**







LIVEWORKSHEETS

129 **2** **Listen again. Which singer:**

1 had a fantastic voice?
2 didn't choose the best song?
3 looked nervous?
4 did Ben vote for?
5 did Evie vote for?
6 wasn't a brilliant singer?
7 had fantastic clothes?
8 was the runner-up?

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1 **Put the letters in *italics* in the correct order to make words about talent shows.**



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LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Match the words in the box to the meanings.

audience judge runner-up stage star studio winner

1 This person gets first prize.

2 This person gets second prize.

3 Performers stand here when they sing or dance.

4 This person chooses the best performer.

5 This is a very famous performer.

6 A talent show is recorded here.

7 These people watch a talent show.

LISTENING

17 **1 Listen to an interview with Josie. What are her plans for the future?**

17 **2 Listen again and answer the questions.**

1 Why is Josie famous?

2 Where did she work in the past?

3 What does her boyfriend do?

4 What did she win in the competition?

5 What is she going to do first?

6 What does she think is the most important thing a good cook needs to do?



LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are two extra words.

audience	~~competition~~	fan	final	judges	prize
runner-up	stage	star	studio	TV	vote
winner					

The last stage of the talent show [1] *competition* is the [2] _____. People watching the show on [3] _____ at home can [4] _____ for their favourite person. The three [5] _____ and the [6] _____ in the [7] _____ vote too. The [8] _____ gets a big prize and sometimes becomes a [9] _____. The [10] _____ also gets a small [11] _____.

5 Complete the sentences. You have the first letter of each word to help you.

1 We had a t *alent* _____ competition at school.

2 Where's the r _____ c _____? It's on the sofa.

3 There were lots of p _____ but the stage was very small, they didn't have much space.

4 I wouldn't like to be a j _____, it's so difficult to choose the best person.

5 How many c _____ have you got on your TV?

6 I always vote f _____ my favourite person on the show.

7 I don't need to be the w _____ or even the r _____–u _____, I just want to be on the programme.

8 Did you watch the f _____? Who won?

LIVEWORKSHEETS