

## 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



is a type of TV programme that **presents** situations without scripts and

<sup>5</sup> **uses unknown people instead of professional actors. The producers of these programmes guarantee entertainment**  
<sup>10</sup> **by choosing interesting people and editing the episodes carefully. Here are three of the most popular:**

## SURVIVOR

<sup>15</sup> 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**  
<sup>20</sup> 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  
<sup>25</sup> 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 <sup>30</sup> **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 <sup>35</sup> 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 <sup>40</sup> **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

- 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?