

- A. Where do people watch these shows?
- B. What are the shows about?
- C. What can participants do?



They're all reality TV shows and they're competitions as well. Contestants are selected through auditions where they show their talents to judges. The contests that are very good go to the finals and compete for a prize: it's usually money or a contract in a restaurant or music company. Their episodes go from 45 min to 1 hour and contestants sometimes form pairs or teams to compete. However, they usually compete individually.

American Idol and *The X-factor* are singing competitions. Contestants need to sing songs in their own style. They can sing from different music genres such as country, pop and classical music. Singers usually have a favorite style and their mentors represent that style. *So you think you can dance* is about dancing ballet, contemporary music, funk and other genres. *Masterchef* and *The great British bake off* are cooking competitions. In *Masterchef*, different kinds of food are prepared for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. In *The great British bake off*, competitors focus on baking: they make cakes, cupcakes, cookies and desserts in general.

American Idol and *So you think you can dance* are American TV programs while *The X-factor* is a British show, but nowadays *So you think you can dance* and *The X-factor* are also famous in different parts of the world. *So you think you can dance* has seasons in Australia, Canada, China and France, making up to 41 countries. *The X-factor* has seasons in Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, China and many other countries too. In Brazil, a similar show, *The voice*, is more popular and it has 10 seasons in Globo's TV channel. Cooking shows such as *Masterchef* and *The great British bake off* are also quite popular. *Masterchef* is originally British, but it also has seasons in the US, Australia, Brazil, Korea and other places around the world.

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VOTE (X2)	PRACTICE	WORK

X-factor (and similar programs)

The program _____ five phases. The first is when competitors _____ for the show's producers. If they _____ good, they _____ selected to phase 2. They _____ sing in front of the judges in phase 2. If the judges _____ their voice, they _____ to phase 3. Phase 3 _____ classes and training. They _____ their songs and their voice every day. On phase 4, mentors _____ the participants and _____ with them for a long time. The participants _____ eliminated in live shows. Phase 5 is for semifinals and finals. Four participants _____ in front of the judges. The judges _____ and the public _____ too. In the end, a champion _____ selected.