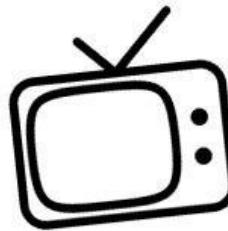


- A. Where do people watch these shows?
- B. What are the shows about?
- C. What can participants do?



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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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.