READING



1 **Do you watch TV talent shows? How many can you name?**

2 **Read the questions and talk about your ideas with your partner.**

- **a** Do talent shows tell people what to say or can they choose?
- **b** What different kinds of talent show are there?
- **c** What do winners of talent shows usually get?
- **d** Who chooses the winners?
- **e** Are talent shows live?

3 **Read the article quickly and check your ideas. Complete the article with questions from Exercise 2.**

TALENT SHOWS

What do you really know about talent shows?

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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!

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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**.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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4 **Answer the questions about the article.**

1 What talent show is there for dancers?
2 Where can people go to watch a talent show live?
3 Who are the judges of talent shows?
4 What happens to the runners-up on talent shows?
5 Why are some of the people on talent shows a bit like actors?

TALKING POINTS

Which talent shows are popular in your country? Why?
Which one do you like best? Why?
Discuss with your partner.



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