

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a score      | a. a TV show  |
| 2..... a competitor | b. people who watch television                        |
| 3..... a prize      | c. a person who chooses the winner in a competition   |
| 4..... a programme  | d. a person who enters a competition and tries to win |
| 5..... a judge      | e. the number of points that you get in a competition |
| 6..... viewers      | f. something that you get if you win a competition    |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. <i>Strictly Come Dancing</i> is popular with all age groups.                      | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. <i>Shattered</i> is a show about people who sleep a lot.                          | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. <i>Come Dine with Me</i> is about eating in restaurants.                          | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. <i>World's Strictest Parents</i> is about teenagers with problem behaviour.       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. <i>Don't Tell the Bride</i> is a programme about weddings.                        | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. <i>Relocation, Relocation</i> is a programme about people who want to move house. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. <i>Learner Drivers</i> is about people learning to drive a car.                   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. <i>Coppers</i> is a show about how people spend money in the UK.                  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the programmes with the descriptions and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... | <i>Strictly Come Dancing</i>     | a. | Learning to drive is very stressful, as we can see in this programme.                               |
| 2..... | <i>Shattered</i>                 | b. | Sometimes the food is terrible and the contestants are very rude to each other.                     |
| 3..... | <i>Come Dine with Me</i>         | c. | This is a very popular show with small children, teenagers and adults of all ages.                  |
| 4..... | <i>World's Strictest Parents</i> | d. | The groom is always very stressed and worried.  |
| 5..... | <i>Don't Tell the Bride</i>      | e. | Each day there are tests to see how well they can function, even though they are totally exhausted. |
| 6..... | <i>Relocation, Relocation</i>    | f. | Watching the police in action is absolutely fascinating!  |
| 7..... | <i>Learner Drivers</i>           | g. | It's really interesting to see flats and houses in different parts of the country.                  |
| 8..... | <i>Coppers</i>                   | h. | There is often a lot of crying and shouting in this show but it can be incredibly funny too.        |

### 3. Check your grammar: multiple choice – intensifiers

Circle the best adverb to complete these sentences.

- Each day there are tests to see how well they can function, even though they are **very / absolutely** exhausted.
- At the end of the show the people are **really / absolutely** tired.
- There is often a lot of crying and shouting in this show but it can be **incredibly / absolutely** funny too.
- This show is **very / totally** hilarious.
- It's **completely / really** interesting to see flats and houses in different parts of the country.
- Watching the police in action is **absolutely / very** fascinating!

#### Discussion

What's your favourite reality TV show?

Would you like to be on a reality TV show one day? Why or why not?