

The X Factor – Glossary

aspiring adjective

hoping and trying to be successful at something, especially in your career

broadcast verb [intransitive/transitive]

to send out messages or programmes to be received by radios or televisions

charts, the noun [plural]

a list showing the CDs that people have bought the most copies of in the previous week

Their new single is likely to top the charts again this week.

contestant noun [countable]

someone who takes part in a contest

contract noun [countable]

LEGAL a written legal agreement between two people or businesses that says what each must do for the other or give to the other

debut adjective [only before noun]

a debut CD, appearance, novel etc is the first that a performer, sports player, writer etc makes

eliminate verb [transitive, usually passive]

to remove someone from a competition or election

endless adjective

continuing for a long time in an annoying or unpleasant way

They asked endless questions about our home town.

fate noun [countable]

the things that happen to someone, especially unpleasant things

feelings are running high phrase

used for saying that people have very strong ideas or opinions about something

fifth number

one of 5 equal parts of something

franchise noun [countable]

an arrangement under which a television or radio company is allowed to broadcast in a particular area of the country

gossip magazine noun [countable]

a magazine that gives details of the private lives of famous people

hysterical adjective

behaving in an uncontrolled way because you are extremely excited, afraid, or upset

in someone's hands phrase

if something is in someone's hands, they are responsible for it

in the public eye phrase

well known to people in general

in the short run/term phrase

during the period of time that is not very far into the future

jeer verb [intransitive/transitive]

to shout or laugh at someone in an unkind way that shows you have no respect for them

lucrative adjective

bringing a lot of money

number one noun [countable]

in popular music, the record that has sold the most copies in a particular week

originate verb [intransitive]

to begin to exist or appear for the first time

single noun [countable]

one song from a musical album, sold and promoted separately

All the group's hit singles have been collected on an album.

social networking site noun [countable]

a website such as Facebook or Myspace that allows you to communicate with friends and make new friends

tabloid noun [countable]

a newspaper with fairly small pages mostly containing stories about famous people and not much serious news. More serious newspapers are called *broadsheets*.

talent show/contest noun [countable/uncountable]

a competition in which singers, dancers etc show their ability

undermine verb [transitive]

to make something or someone become gradually less effective, confident, or successful