

The X Factor – Glossary

aspiring adjective

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

boo verb [intransitive/transitive]

to shout at a speaker or performer, to show that you disagree with them or that you think they are not very good

broadcast verb [intransitive/transitive]

to send out messages or programs 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

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

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

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

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 pages of a smaller size than standard newspapers, usually with very large headlines and pictures on the front page and often emphasizing shocking stories about famous people

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