



*One Million Stars* is one of Taiwan's hottest TV shows. On the program, singers compete for a chance to become a star. Their goal is to be named champion, which opens the door to a singing career.

On each show, a number of singers perform in front of an audience and a set of judges. The judges comment on each performance. Depending on how well singers do, they may be praised, criticized, or both. Sometimes, those who are strongly criticized even cry on stage!

Judges also decide which singers move on to the next round. After several months, a champion is finally chosen. He or she receives a cash prize and a recording contract. Some singers, such as Aska Yang, become famous even without winning the top prize.

### Vocabulary Practice

Fill in each blank with the best answer.

- The salesperson was \_\_\_\_\_ for doing an excellent job.  
A: praised      B: decided      C: criticized      D: received
- Some flowers, \_\_\_\_\_ roses, make popular gifts.  
A: such as      B: in front of      C: move on      D: open the door
- Tomorrow, they'll \_\_\_\_\_ the new song during the concert.  
A: help      B: become      C: perform      D: comment
- After college, I'm thinking about a \_\_\_\_\_ in fashion design.  
A: contract      B: prize      C: career      D: stage

## Reading Practice

Choose the best answer.

- ( ) Which of the following happens last?  
A: Judges comment on a singer's performance.  
B: The top singer receives a contract.  
C: Many singers compete against each other.  
D: Singers move on to the next round.
- ( ) According to the article, why might someone cry on stage?  
A: If he or she sings well.  
B: If he or she wins a prize.  
C: If he or she loses.  
D: If he or she is criticized.
- ( ) An "audience" is a group of people who \_\_\_\_\_.  
A: judge a contest                      B: watch a show  
C: perform on stage                      D: write a song
- ( ) Which of the following is true about *One Million Stars*?  
A: Winners receive more than one prize.  
B: Only champions go on to become famous.  
C: Every singer is praised by the judges.  
D: Just one singer performs on each show.

## Language Practice

Write the correct word in each blank.

- We thought it was an excellent \_\_\_\_\_.  
(perform/performance)
- I'm sure you'll make the right \_\_\_\_\_.  
(decide/decision)
- \_\_\_\_\_, walking every day is pretty good exercise.  
(Actual/Actually)
- I love both dresses. It's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ just one!  
(choose/choice)