

Have fun with dance

Main ideas

A Circle the correct answers.

- What is the main idea of the reading?
 - Dance is not difficult.
 - There are many different types of dance.
 - Dance is good exercise.
- How does the author develop the article?
 - through examples
 - through a personal story
 - through facts and statistics
- What benefit of dance is *not* mentioned in the article?
 - It's inexpensive.
 - It's a good workout.
 - It's enjoyable.

Inferencing

B Who probably made these statements? Write Eddie Torres (*ET*), Maria Torres (*MT*), Bronwen Carson (*BC*), or Bruno Bernardo (*BB*).

And one, and two, and three...

1. MT

You might meet the man or woman of your dreams in my class.

2. _____

After the advanced class, you'll definitely need a shower.

3. _____

Students take classes at my school because they like variety.

4. _____

Details

C What does the author think about the dances? Check (✓) the correct column or columns.

	This dance . . .	African	Tap	Salsa	Swing	Ballroom
1.	strengthens all your muscles.	✓				
2.	is entertaining.					
3.	mainly strengthens your arm muscles.					
4.	improves your balance.					
5.	helps your heart and lungs less than other dances.					
6.	has many steps and moves to learn.					
7.	requires a partner.					

CHALLENGE

D Complete these sentences. Write about the dances in the reading or different dances. Use your own ideas.

- I would like to learn _____ because _____.
- I would not like to learn _____ because _____.

Oriental dance: A dance for the whole family

Vocabulary

A Cross out the word in each row that has a different meaning.

1. ~~originate~~ segregate separate
2. festive joyous Oriental
3. informal professional spontaneous
4. eligible marriageable segregated
5. occasion event household

Text organization

B Write the number of the paragraph where each sentence could go.

- ___ 1 a. Rather, it was a dance that the whole family could enjoy.
- ___ b. If you are invited to someone's home in the Middle East, you might see Oriental dance for yourself.
- ___ c. In a society in which parents often chose wives for their sons, these all-female parties were very important.
- ___ d. It was almost as if there were two separate houses in one.

Audience and purpose

C Circle the correct answers.

1. Where is this article from?
 - a. a newspaper
 - b. a magazine
 - c. a Website
 - d. a book
2. Who is this article written for?
 - a. people who want to learn how to belly dance
 - b. people who want to hire a belly dancer for their next party
 - c. people who want to know what belly dancing really is
 - d. people who want to learn about Middle Eastern culture
3. What is the purpose of this article?
 - a. to give general information about Oriental dance
 - b. to encourage more people to dance
 - c. to help mothers find wives for their sons
 - d. to help people plan festive occasions
4. What is the tone of this article?
 - a. joyous
 - b. spontaneous
 - c. sad
 - d. informative

CHALLENGE

D Underline all the time expressions in the reading.

Enjoying ballet

Restating

A Compare the meaning of each pair of sentences. Write same (S) or different (D).

- S 1. Ballet has always depended upon government or royal support for its life.
The funding for ballet has traditionally come from members of royalty or the government.
- ___ 2. People have therefore come to see ballet as a cultural form, unfamiliar to anyone who does not come from a particular city or a particular class.
People prefer to watch ballet dancers who come from the city and who are from the upper class of society.
- ___ 3. Too often people stay away from the ballet because they think they will not “understand” it.
Unfortunately, many people think that ballet is difficult to understand, so they never go to see one.
- ___ 4. It is better to look at dancing with a completely untrained eye.
A trained dancer is easier to watch than an untrained dancer.

Main ideas

B Check (✓) the statements that are true.

- ✓ 1. Ballet has unnatural costuming.
- ___ 2. Ballet dancers have highly conditioned bodies.
- ___ 3. Ballet is a recent form of dance.
- ___ 4. Most people think ballet is easy to understand.
- ___ 5. Ballet depends on government or royal support.
- ___ 6. The general public does not identify with ballet dancers.

Parts of speech

C Circle the correct word.

1. Ballet dancers **trainer** / train / **training** for many years.
2. Ballet is a very **style** / **stylize** / **stylized** form of dance.
3. Ballet is an important part of Western **culture** / **cultural** / **cultured**.
4. Ice dancing has greater **popular** / **popularity** / **popularized** than ballet.
5. It's hard for people to **identify** / **identity** / **identification** with ballet dancers.
6. Ballet dancers are **efficient** / **efficiency** / **efficiently** athletes.
7. You can watch **beauty** / **beautiful** / **beautifully** performed ballets in the theater.
8. With some education and experience, people will have a greater **appreciate** / **appreciation** / **appreciative** for ballet.