

Grade 7 Arts and Culture Worksheet

Assessment Task: Dance Choreography

Choreographic design concepts

You have learned that there are three choreographic design concepts: **space**, **time** and **force**.

Question 1

Place each of the following choreographic devices into the correct places in the table:

repetition (repeat a movement/action)
 rewind (do the movement/action in reverse)
 resize (do the movement/action bigger or smaller)
 tempo (speed movement/action up or slow it down)
 rhythm (change the beat of the movement/action)
 quality (add an emotion/feeling to the movement/action)
 impact (use more or less force in the movement/action)
 change planes (change to horizontal/vertical/diagonal plane)
 change levels (change to low/medium/high)

Space	Time	Force

Question 2

Choose four basic movements, for example: bend; jump; step; twist; lunge; slide; etc.

Put the four movements into a short dance sequence, for example: step; twist; bend; slide.

Repeat the sequence until you are confident that you will remember it.

Now add at least four choreographic devices from the table in Task 1 to your dance sequence, for example: step, two quick steps (repetition and tempo), twist in pain (quality), bend, slide body along floor (change plane and level).

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Repeat this new sequence until you are confident that you will remember it and that it is well executed.

Your teacher will use the following rubric to assess your dance sequence.

Rubric to assess dance sequence

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[16 marks]

Question 3

Your teacher will now partner you with another learner.

Watch each other's dance sequence.

Discuss the similarities and differences between the two sequences.

Find ways of combining the two sequences into a flowing and interesting movement piece that exhibits at least four dance movements and four choreographic devices.

After rehearsing your movement piece, think of a creative name for the item.

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The rubric below will be used to assess your work.

Rubric to assess dance partner sequence

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Name of item.	Creative, meaningful and apt.	A good name that reflects the meaning.	A fairly apt and creative name.	Name not very apt or meaningful.

[24 marks]

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Suggested Solutions

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Appendix of Assessment Tools

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