



Unit 2

Dance

Dance fills our lives with hopes and dreams.

舞蹈让我们的生命充满了希望和梦想。

—Anonymous

艺术英语视听说

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Watching Activity
Speaking Activity

1. Which types of dance are you familiar with? Share your favorite dance style with your partner.

1.a) I'm familiar with Chinese classical dance ,Chinese folk dance,modern dance, street dance , ballroom dance and many other forms.

b) Ballroom dance is my favorite because it is full of passion.

2. Can you name some famous dancers in China or from some foreign countries?

2.a) There are countless famous dancers in the international circles of dance.

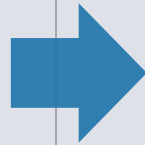
b) Shen Wei is one of the top dancers and choreographers in the world.

3. Have you ever enjoyed alive dance performance or dance drama? How did you feel about it?

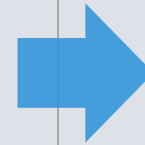
- a) Yes , of course. The dance drama *Red Detachment of Women* is a marvelous example , and the music is also impressive.
- b) *The Eternal Wave* is the most touching and wonderful dance drama I've ever watched.

Discuss these topics with your classmates.

Dance types



Famous
dancers



Dance dramas

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Listening

1. Pre-listening

The words in Column A are all related to dance. Match each of them with the appropriate Chinese meaning in Column B.

Column A	Column B
Chinese Classical dancing	现代舞
Chinese folk dancing	中国古典舞
ballroom dancing	舞蹈编导
modern dancing	国标舞
choreographer	中国民间舞
solo dance	芭蕾舞
ballet	独舞
dance movement	舞蹈动作

Listening

2. Listening in Depth

A. Identifying the main idea.

Listen to an interview about Fred and Katia's dance background , and choose the best answer to each question.

(1) When did Fred start dancing?

B

A. 40 years old.

B. 14 years old.

C. 7 or 8 years old.

(2) What kind of dance did Katia start out with?

C

A. Latin.

B. Ballroom dance.

C. Classical ballet.

(3) What does Katia's mother do?

A

A. She's a ballet teacher. B. She's a Latin teacher. C. She works in a circus.

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(4) Which job did Katia do before?

C

A. Dance teacher.

B. Circus dancer.

C. Both A and B.

(5) What did Fred and Katia think of their team?

A

A. They are perfect team.

B. They are not so perfect.

C. They are just co-workers.

Listening

2. Listening in Depth

B. Listen to it again and choose the right words from the box to fill in the blanks.

rhythm
waltz

exchange
blood

grew up
classical ballet

tango
professional

Fred and Katia are dancers. Fred was born in Canada. It's not in his (1) blood or anything , to know how to dance. When he decided to start dancing , he joined an (2) exchange programme in Spain for two years. so he could take some lessons from a (3) professional Argentinean tango teacher who taught him a lot about listening to the music , the (4) rhythm and everything of that nature. He began dancing the Southern American way about 7 to 8 years ago.

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Katia is half Mexican , half Russian, so she has Latin blood and European or Russian blood. She started dancing when she was very young. She mostly (5) grew up in Mexico with both (6) classical ballet and Latin dance and then of course she started to learn a little bit more about different dances. She likes belly dancing and also ballroom , or sports dancing , which includes cha-cha (7) waltz fox-trot and a little bit of (8) tango . After teaching for many years , she worked in a circus , and then in Las Vegas backstage.

Listening

Word Bank

circus
challenge
rhythm
tango
waltz

马戏团
挑战
节奏
探戈
华尔兹

belly dance
for oneself
get into
in one's blood
start out

肚皮舞
就某人而言
入迷
天生就有的
出发

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Listening



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A. You will watch a video clip about a dancer and answer the following questions.

(1) Where is the dancer from?

A

A. Syria.

B. Israel.

C. Not mentioned.

(2) When did Joudeh see dance for the first time?

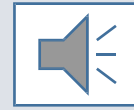
B

A. 8 years ago.

B. At the age of 8.

C. When he was 18 years old.

Listening



B. Watch it again and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) .

T (1) Every time Joudeh dances , he tries his best , because it may be the last dance for him due to the war.

F (2) Joudeh is a criminal.

T (3) Joudeh learned how to dance through videos on YouTube.

Speaking



A. Think about and present some famous dancers. Ask and answer questions about them with your partner and complete the table.

- What is his/her nationality?
- What kind of dance is he/she good at?
- What is his/her representative work?

Name	Nationality	Kind Of Dance	Representative work
Yang Liping	Chinese	Folk dance	<i>Spirit Of Peacock</i>

Speaking



B. Try to introduce a dancer by making a short presentation to your classmates. Please refer to the following example and pay attention to the bold words /phrases.

Shen Wei , **known as** one of the greatest dancers and choreographers in nowadays , was born in Hunan , China. Shen studied Xiang Opera at Hunan Art School **in his youth**. After graduation , he attended the Guangzhou Modern Dance Company to learn modern dance. Then he **moved to** New York City after being invited to study at the Louis Dance Lab. Shen Wei **stunned the world** with his calligraphy dance and choreography at the 2008 Beijing Olympic opening ceremony. The Washington Post declared “the world knows Shen Wei now” .



Fun Facts

Some thought-provoking knowledge about dance.

In recent years , a more liberal dance has become popular. Many people may have enjoyed it , but do you know the specific classification of hip-hop dance? What kind of dance you watched belongs to? With the evolution of music types , hip-hop dance has gradually added many new elements on the basis of the original breaking(霹雳舞) , locking(锁舞) and popping(机械舞) , and has developed into todays hip-hop dance. Todays hip-hop dance can be divided into the following categories :

Breaking : The dance with more contact with the ground , which focuses on personal uniqueness and power. It is the earliest hip-hop dance which combines with power move , freeze , footwork and up / top rock.



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Locking : It is also an ancient hip hop dance , which is characterized by flexible high- speed rotation of the wrist and sudden stop of the movement.

Popping : It is another early hip-hop dance and characterized by muscle relaxation and contraction with joint impact. It can be subdivided into popping , wave , king tic ting , electric boogie, etc.

▶ Listening



Have you heard of the “Blackpool Dance Festival”?

Listening



A. Listen to the speech twice and put the missing words in the blanks.

The festival began in 1920 in the Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. Covering a period of thirteen days, the Blackpool Dance Festival is by far the largest of the five festivals held in Blackpool. The festival covers ballroom and Latin American dancing, incorporating the British open championships for adult amateur and professional couples, plus formation teams. 2005 saw the introduction of two new events, the British rising star amateur ballroom and Latin competitions. 2019 was the event's 94th year and there were 56 countries represented, with a total number of 2, 827 entries in the 13 events!

Culture Notes

There are five dance festivals held in Blackpool:

Junior Dance Festival: An exciting event for younger competitors.

Blackpool Dance Festival: The longest dance festival in Blackpool.

Blackpool Freestyle Championships: Covering solos, slow dance, pairs and teams.

Blackpool Sequence Dance Festival: Classical, modern and Latin sequence dancing.

British National Dance Championships: Dancing for all ages at this festival.

Speaking

A. Listen to the speech twice and put the missing words in the blanks.

“Shanghai Blackpool just started so it’s not very well promoted,”
said Beijing based ballroom enthusiast Andrew Gao, adding:
“It’s new to China, but it will be one of the biggest competitions. ”

“China is an emerging nation in ballroom dancing without a
doubt. It’s a billion-dollar business. ”

Michael Williams, Managing Director of Blackpool Entertainment

Reading

Hua Mulan, the most recognizable folk heroine in Chinese culture, became known to Western audiences through Disney's 1998 classic animation. Now, Mulan's story is being recounted in a new form-ballet.

Tiptoes, splits and long jumps. . . Yu Chuanya, 29, repeats the basic moves in a **rehearsal room**, trying to reenact the age-old story of the Chinese girl who **disguises** herself as a man so that she can go to war in place of her aged father.

As the **principal** dancer, Yu and dozens of other dancers from the Liaoning Ballet of China will take their original ballet Hua Mulan to the United States and Canada in late August, representing the troupe's first performance of the classic outside of China.

For Yu, who entered the Liaoning Ballet in 2009, it has been a unique process.

"In the past, I often played the roles of a swan or a princess. This time, I had to become a man who is ultimately found to be a woman," she says. To act Mulan's part well, she had to do push-ups and fight with sticks on stage, just like the male dancers.

Reading

The story **originates** from a **Northern Dynasty** (386 - 581) folk song, known as the *Ballad of Mulan*. The song tells the tale of a valiant girl who joins the army on behalf of her ailing father, battles enemies to defend her country and fights with high distinction. However, she refuses the accolades thrust upon her and ultimately retires to her hometown.

Besides the physical techniques required, Chinese ballet cares about **portraying** its characters' inner world and expressing emotions. “Playing the legendary warrior has made me grow up and deepened my understanding of performance, life and Chinese culture,” Yu says. “You should be able to impress yourself before you can impress your audience. ”



(China Daily)

Reading

Word Bank

disguise
originate
principal
portray
recognizable

伪装
起源
主要的
描绘
容易认出的

rehearsal room
Northern Dynasty

排练室
北朝

Listening



A. Are the following statements True (T) or False (F) according to the passage? Write T /F accordingly.

- (1) T Hua Mulan became a household name for Western audiences through Disney's 1998 classic animation.
- (2) F Mulan disguises herself as a man so that she can go to war in place of her aged brother.
- (3) F Beijing Ballet of China will take their original ballet Hua Mulan to the United States and Canada in late August.
- (4) T The story originates from a Northern Dynasty folk song.

Listening

B. Translate the following into Chinese.

- (1) Tiptoes, splits and long jumps. . . Yu Chuanya, 29, repeats the basic moves in a rehearsal room, trying to reenact the age-old story of the Chinese girl who disguises herself as a man so that she can go to war in place of her aged father.

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- (2) Playing the legendary warrior has made me grow up and deepened my understanding of performance, life and Chinese culture.

扮演伟大的战士使我成长，加深了我对表演、生活和中国文化的理解。

A. Watch the following videos concerning the origin of Chinese dance, and choose the best answer to each question.

B (1) When was the dance scene drawn on Chinese pottery?

A. 4, 000 years ago.

B. 5, 000 years ago.

C. 6, 000 years ago.

(2) What was the purpose of dancing at that time?

A A. For worship.

B. For health.

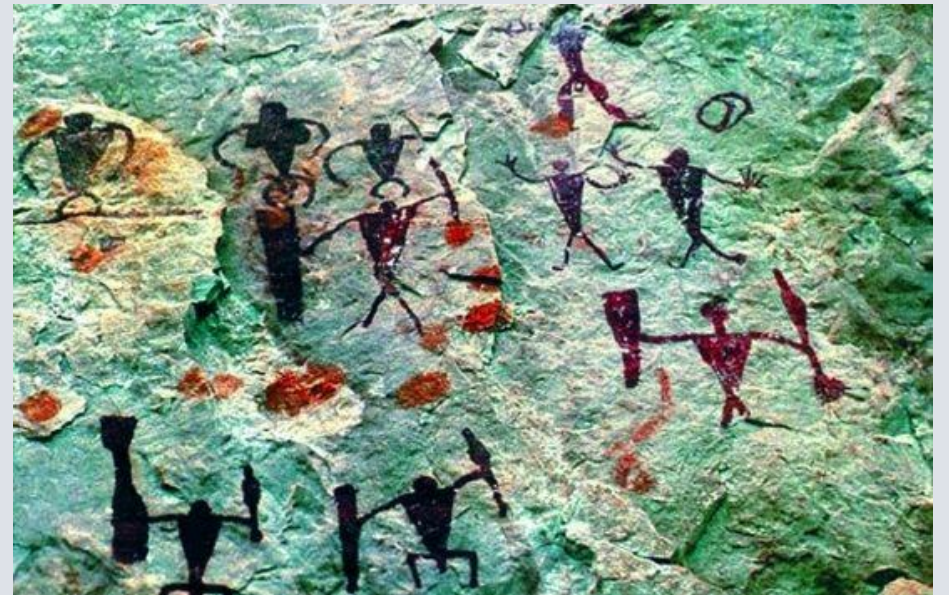
C. For pleasure.

(3) Why did the soldiers dance for the emperor?

A A. Because of the triumph.

B. Because of the ceremony.

C. Because of the harvest.



Speaking

- (1) May I have the first dance?
- (2) I like the old styles of dance, such as fox-trot, waltz, rumba, tango and styles of that nature.
- (3) Most young people partake in modern dances, such as rock and roll, twist, and especially break dancing.
- (4) I admire your gracefulness.
- (5) Which dances do you like best?
- (6) Tango is my preference.

Thank you

