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11-year-old's ballet video goes viral

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An 11-year-old boy is famous after a video of him dancing in the rain in Nigeria went viral. Anthony Madu's skill and passion impressed people. An Oscar-winning actor saw the video and uploaded it. She tweeted: "We create, soar, can imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, despite the brutal obstacles that have been put in front of us." Another person said adults had to find the talent in children and support them and let them feel joy.

Anthony is at a dance academy in Lagos. The academy gives free lessons to underprivileged children. The academy's founder said: "We are changing the narrative about the stereotype of male dancers." Anthony said: "Where I live there are no male ballet dancers like me. When people see ballet they think it is only for girls, they don't know that it is not only for girls." He wants people to know that there are also male ballet dancers.

Sources: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/nigeria-ballet-dancer-11-anthony-mmesoma-madu-video-a4495481.html>
<https://www.scmp.com/photos/3092187/dance-academy-brings-ballet-underprivileged-nigerian-children>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. dancing | a. joy |
| 2. Madu's skill and passion | b. passion |
| 3. have unleashed | c. of us |
| 4. despite the brutal | d. children |
| 5. put in front | e. in the rain |
| 6. Another person said adults | f. obstacles |
| 7. find the talent in | g. had to |
| 8. let them feel | h. impressed people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Anthony is at | a. like me |
| 2. The academy gives | b. children |
| 3. underprivileged | c. to know |
| 4. We are changing the | d. of male dancers |
| 5. the stereotype | e. a dance academy |
| 6. no male ballet dancers | f. is only for girls |
| 7. they think it | g. free lessons |
| 8. He wants people | h. narrative |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An 11-year-old boy (1) _____ a video of him dancing in the rain in (2) _____. Anthony Madu's skill and passion impressed people. An Oscar-winning actor (3) _____ and uploaded it. She tweeted: "(4) _____, can imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, (5) _____ obstacles that have been put in front of us." Another person said adults had to find the talent in children and support them and let (6) _____.

Anthony is at (7) _____ in Lagos. The academy gives free lessons to underprivileged children. The (8) _____: "We are changing the narrative (9) _____ of male dancers." Anthony said: "Where I live there are no male ballet dancers like me. When (10) _____ they think it is only for girls, they don't know that it is not (11) _____." He wants people to know that there are also (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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BALLET DANCER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ballet dancer in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

