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Chimpanzees love dancing, say researchers

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Did you know chimpanzees love to dance? They also like clapping, nodding their head, and tapping their feet in time with the rhythm. A study shows that chimpanzees could like music. Researchers from Japan say their study could explain how humans developed an interest in music. The researchers conducted tests on seven chimps. They played the apes six songs on a piano for six days. The researchers said the chimps had a real sense of rhythm and the music changed their mood. The male chimpanzees seemed to react to the songs more than the females.

Chimpanzees passed on a liking for music and dance to early humans around six million years ago. The researchers said our love of dancing was deep inside the earliest humans. A researcher said: "Chimpanzees dance to some extent in the same way as humans." She added: "In humans, listening to music causes rhythmic movement, suggesting a close connection between the auditory and motor areas in the brain." She believes the research could explain the development of dancing in humans and why we love melody and rhythm so much.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. chimpanzees love | a. on a piano |
| 2. nodding their | b. in music |
| 3. tapping their feet in time with | c. mood |
| 4. humans developed an interest | d. head |
| 5. The researchers conducted | e. of rhythm |
| 6. They played the apes six songs | f. to dance |
| 7. chimps had a real sense | g. tests |
| 8. the music changed their | h. the rhythm |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Chimpanzees passed on a | a. movement |
| 2. around | b. of dancing |
| 3. our love | c. in humans |
| 4. in the same way | d. six million years |
| 5. rhythmic | e. the brain |
| 6. a close | f. as humans |
| 7. motor areas in | g. liking for music |
| 8. the development of dancing | h. connection |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Did you know chimpanzees (1) _____? They also like clapping, nodding their head, and (2) _____ in time with the rhythm. A study shows that chimpanzees could like music. Researchers from Japan (3) _____ could explain how humans developed an interest in music. The researchers (4) _____ seven chimps. They played the apes six songs on a piano for six days. The researchers said the chimps had a (5) _____ rhythm and the music changed their mood. The male chimpanzees seemed (6) _____ the songs more than the females.

Chimpanzees (7) _____ liking for music and dance to early humans around six million years ago. The researchers said our love of dancing (8) _____ the earliest humans. A researcher said: "Chimpanzees dance (9) _____ in the same way as humans." She added: "In humans, listening to music causes rhythmic movement, (10) _____ connection between the auditory and (11) _____ the brain." She believes the research could explain the development of dancing in humans and why we love (12) _____ so much.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DANCING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about dancing 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) _____

