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11-year-old's ballet video goes viral

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. BALLET DANCERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ballet dancers. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

boy / fame / dancing / rain / passion / skill / social media / imagine / obstacles / joy / leap / academy / underprivileged / narrative / stereotype / ballet / male / dreaming

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SCHOOL: Students A **strongly** believe ballet should be part of the school curriculum; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TALENTS: How can we get children to soar in these skills? What are the difficulties? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How	Difficulties
Dance		
Coding		
Art		
English		
Sport		
Singing		

5. FAME: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fame". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DANCE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best forms of dance at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- ballet
- breakdancing
- disco
- tango
- tap dance
- flamenco
- folk dance
- rain dance

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. fame | a. Drive, push, or cause to move in a particular direction, usually forward. |
| 2. go viral | b. The condition of being known or talked about by many people. |
| 3. dedication | c. Released from a restraint. |
| 4. soar | d. Of an image, video, piece of information, etc., that is circulated rapidly and widely from one Internet user to another. |
| 5. unleashed | e. Increase rapidly above the usual level. |
| 6. obstacle | f. The quality of being committed to a task or purpose. |
| 7. propel | g. A thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. leap | h. Jump or spring a long way, to a great height, or with great force. |
| 9. academy | i. A widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing. |
| 10. district | j. A place of study or training in a special field. |
| 11. underprivileged | k. A representation of a particular situation or process in such a way as to reflect or conform to a set of aims or values. |
| 12. founder | l. An area of a country or city. |
| 13. narrative | m. Of a person not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society. |
| 14. stereotype | n. A person who starts an institution or company. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A boy has achieved fame after ballet dancing in the rain. **T / F**
- b. An Oscar winner posted a video of the boy on her social media feeds. **T / F**
- c. The actor suggested her people could not fly. **T / F**
- d. Someone said a child's joy propels them in what they want to do. **T / F**
- e. There are 120 students enrolled at the Leap of Dance Academy. **T / F**
- f. The academy wants to change the narrative about stereotypes. **T / F**
- g. The boy said there were plenty of male ballet dancers where he lives. **T / F**
- h. The boy said he often dreams about dancing around the world. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. fame | a. neighbourhood |
| 2. impressed | b. fly |
| 3. dedication | c. sensation |
| 4. soar | d. moved |
| 5. propels | e. story |
| 6. district | f. pushes |
| 7. underprivileged | g. commitment |
| 8. narrative | h. went on to say |
| 9. added | i. stardom |
| 10. feeling | j. deprived |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. An 11-year-old boy has achieved | a. with his skill |
| 2. Madu impressed people worldwide | b. of male dancers |
| 3. despite the brutal obstacles that have | c. in all things they do |
| 4. help each child find their | d. children |
| 5. The joy from this propels them | e. me is as if I am dreaming |
| 6. The academy is in a poor | f. talent |
| 7. free dance lessons to underprivileged | g. narrative |
| 8. We are changing the | h. fame |
| 9. the stereotype | i. district of Lagos |
| 10. The feeling that comes over | j. been put in front of us |

GAP FILL

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impressed
fame
propels
soar
find
viral
clip
obstacles

Anthony is one of 12 students at the Leap of Dance Academy. The academy is in a poor (9) _____ of Lagos. It provides free dance lessons to (10) _____ children who have nowhere to practice. The academy's (11) _____, Daniel Ajala Owoseni, told BBC News: "We are changing the (12) _____ about the (13) _____ 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 (14) _____ only for girls." He added: "How I want them to (15) _____ me is that when I am dancing they know that there is a male ballet dancer. The feeling that comes over me is as if I am (16) _____."

narrative
dreaming
underprivileged
stereotype
see
district
founder
not

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) dancing in the rain outside his home in Lagos, Nigeria _____ social media
 - a. went rival on
 - b. went libel on
 - c. went viral on
 - d. went rebel on
- 2) actress Viola Davis saw a video clip of Anthony and put it on her _____
 - a. social medium feeds
 - b. social mead ear feeds
 - c. socially media feeds
 - d. social media feeds
- 3) imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, despite the _____
 - a. brutality obstacles
 - b. brutal obstacles
 - c. brute all obstacles
 - d. brew tall obstacles
- 4) As adults, it is our job to help each child find their talent and _____
 - a. twos support them
 - b. chews sport them
 - c. too sup port them
 - d. to support them
- 5) The joy from this propels them in all _____
 - a. things they do
 - b. things they done
 - c. things they does
 - d. things they doing
- 6) at the Leap of Dance Academy. The academy is in a _____ Lagos
 - a. poor less strict of
 - b. poor district of
 - c. poor distinct of
 - d. pawed restrict of
- 7) We are changing the narrative about the stereotype _____
 - a. of male dancers
 - b. of mail dancers
 - c. of mall dancers
 - d. of Mali dancers
- 8) Where I live there are no male ballet _____
 - a. dance ups like me
 - b. dancers likely me
 - c. dancers like me
 - d. dance as like me
- 9) see me is that when I am dancing they know that there is a _____
 - a. male ballet dancers
 - b. male ballet dance
 - c. male ballet dancing
 - d. male ballet dancer
- 10) The feeling that comes over me is as if _____
 - a. I am dreaming
 - b. I am dreamer
 - c. I am dream in
 - d. I am dream Ming

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

1. Where is the boy's home?
2. What did the actor who posted the video win?
3. What did the actor say her people could do?
4. What did the actor say has been put in front of people?
5. What did the actor say propels children in the things they do?
6. How many students are there at the Leap of Dance Academy?
7. To whom does the academy provide free lessons?
8. What did the academy's director say he is changing?
9. What stereotypes did the director say he is changing?
10. What does the boy want people to know?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

- 1) Where is the boy's home?
 - a) Cairo, Egypt
 - b) Lagos, Nigeria
 - c) Nairobi, Kenya
 - d) Bujumbura, Burundi
- 2) What did the actor who posted the video win?
 - a) ballet tickets
 - b) many fans
 - c) a lot of money
 - d) an Oscar
- 3) What did the actor say her people could do?
 - a) fly
 - b) dance
 - c) succeed
 - d) win
- 4) What did the actor say has been put in front of people?
 - a) an orchestra
 - b) s ballet stage
 - c) brutal obstacles
 - d) danger
- 5) What did the actor say propels children in the things they do?
 - a) rhythm
 - b) joy
 - c) airplanes
 - d) dreams
- 6) How many students are there at the Leap of Dance Academy?
 - a) 12
 - b) 13
 - c) 14
 - d) 15
- 7) To whom does the academy provide free lessons?
 - a) dancers
 - b) anyone
 - c) underprivileged children
 - d) young adults
- 8) What did the academy's director say he is changing?
 - a) the narrative
 - b) the sets
 - c) the dance style
 - d) the music
- 9) What stereotypes did the director say he is changing?
 - a) stereotypes about male dancers
 - b) stereotypes about ballet
 - c) stereotypes about academies
 - d) stereotypes about Nigeria
- 10) What does the boy want people to know?
 - a) his name
 - b) the tune to Swan Lake
 - c) the history of ballet
 - d) that there is a male dancer

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Ballet

You think ballet is the best form of dance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dance forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): breakdance, tap dance or the tango.

Role B – Breakdance

You think breakdance is the best form of dance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dance forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): ballet, tap dance or the tango.

Role C – Tap Dance

You think tap dance is the best form of dance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dance forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): breakdance, ballet or the tango.

Role D – Tango

You think the tango is the best form of dance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their dance forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): breakdance, tap dance or ballet.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'ballet' and 'dancer'.

ballet	dancer

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fame• skill• feeds• front• job• joy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12• poor• nowhere• live• know• comes
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BALLET DANCER SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ballet dancers 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.

BALLET DANCER DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'ballet'?
3. Would you like to achieve fame?
4. What do you think of ballet?
5. What is your favourite form of dance?
6. What are your hopes for Anthony?
7. What do you have a passion for?
8. How do you deal with obstacles in front of you?
9. What do you like to create?
10. What things do you find joy in doing?

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BALLET DANCER DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'dancer'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is dance?
15. What is your image of male ballet dancers?
16. What advice do you have for Anthony?
17. How interested are you in ballet?
18. Would you encourage your children to study ballet?
19. What is in your dreams?
20. What questions would you like to ask Anthony?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) famous | (b) famed | (c) fame | (d) famously |
| 2. | (a) viral | (b) rival | (c) libel | (d) rebel |
| 3. | (a) clip | (b) bond | (c) trigger | (d) plush |
| 4. | (a) soar | (b) thaw | (c) sore | (d) sower |
| 5. | (a) tentacles | (b) obstacles | (c) spectacles | (d) receptacles |
| 6. | (a) tablets | (b) molasses | (c) ejects | (d) propels |
| 7. | (a) urban | (b) rural | (c) district | (d) ditty |
| 8. | (a) flounder | (b) finder | (c) fender | (d) founder |
| 9. | (a) type | (b) prototype | (c) stereo | (d) stereotype |
| 10. | (a) like | (b) likely | (c) liking | (d) liked |
| 11. | (a) Wow | (b) How | (c) Now | (d) Low |
| 12. | (a) thus | (b) so | (c) if | (d) via |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An 11-year-old boy has dhaeviec fame
2. with his skill, aiemshstn ...
3. passion and iedcoaidtn
4. dnlesuhea passion and love
5. despite the brutal tlosebcsa
6. The joy from this polsper them in all things

Paragraph 2

7. in a poor tcridtis of Lagos
8. lessons to nrigruvedepiedl children
9. The academy's fruodne
10. changing the ienraartv
11. the etopesrtey of male dancers
12. there is a eaml ballet dancer

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () girls." He added: "How I want them to see me is that when I am dancing they know
- () child find their talent and to support them...The joy from this propels them in all things they do."
- () imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, despite the brutal obstacles that have been put in front
- () in Lagos, Nigeria went viral on social media. Anthony Mmesoma Madu impressed people
- () clip of Anthony and put it on her social media feeds. She tweeted: "We create, soar, can
- () worldwide with his skill, enthusiasm, passion and dedication. The Oscar-winning actress Viola Davis saw a video
- () Anthony is one of 12 students at the Leap of Dance Academy. The academy is in a poor
- () that there is a male ballet dancer. The feeling that comes over me is as if I am dreaming."
- () like me. When people see ballet they think it is only for girls, they don't know that it is not only for
- () district of Lagos. It provides free dance lessons to underprivileged children who have nowhere to
- () about the stereotype of male dancers." Anthony said: "Where I live there are no male ballet dancers
- () of us. Our people can fly." Another social media user said: "As adults, it is our job to help each
- (**1**) An 11-year-old boy has achieved fame after a video of him dancing in the rain outside his home
- () practice. The academy's founder, Daniel Ajala Owoseni, told BBC News: "We are changing the narrative

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. video rain . of dancing A in the him
2. people worldwide skill . impressed with Madu dancing his
3. us . of put been front Obstacles have in
4. It each is to job our help child .
5. do . them they all Propels things in
6. academy The is in a district . poor
7. provides dance lessons It underprivileged free to children .
8. are the stereotype . We the narrative changing about
9. me . dancers like ballet There male are no
10. is male there They ballet a dancer . know

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

An 11-year-old boy has achieved *famous* / *fame* after a video of him dancing in the rain outside his home in Lagos, Nigeria went *vital* / *viral* on social media. Anthony Mmesoma Madu impressed people *worldly* / *worldwide* with his skill, enthusiasm, *impassion* / *passion* and dedication. The Oscar-winning actress Viola Davis saw a video *flip* / *clip* of Anthony and put it on her social media feeds. She tweeted: "We create, *soar* / *sore*, can imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, *spite* / *despite* the brutal obstacles that have been put *in* / *on* front of us. Our people can fly." Another social media user said: "As adults, it is our job to help each child find their talent and to support them...The *joyous* / *joy* from this propels them in all things they *do* / *doing*."

Anthony is one of 12 students at the Leap of Dance Academy. The academy is in a *poor* / *poverty* district of Lagos. It provides *free* / *freely* dance lessons to underprivileged children who have *somewhere* / *nowhere* to practice. The academy's *finder* / *founder*, Daniel Ajala Owoseni, told BBC News: "We are changing the *narrative* / *paragraph* about the stereotype of *male* / *man* dancers." Anthony said: "Where I live there are no male ballet dancers *unlike* / *like* me. When people see ballet they think it is only for girls, they don't know that it is *just* / *not* only for girls." He added: "How I want them to see me is that when I am dancing they know that there is a male ballet dancer. The feeling that *comes* / *does* over me is as *whether* / *if* I am dreaming."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A n 1 1 - y__ r -_l d b_y h_s _c h__ v_d f_m_ _f t_r
_ v_d__ _f h_m d_n c_n g _n th_ r__ n __ t_s_d_
h_s h_m__ n L_g_s, N_g_r__ w_n t v_r_l _n s_c__
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, p_s_s__ n _n d d_d_c_t__ n. Th_ O_s_c_r - w_n n_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer.html>

an 11yearold boy has achieved fame after a video of him dancing in the rain outside his home in lagos nigeria went viral on social media anthony mmesoma madu impressed people worldwide with his skill enthusiasm passion and dedication the oscarwinning actress viola davis saw a video clip of anthony and put it on her social media feeds she tweeted we create soar can imagine have unleashed passion and love despite the brutal obstacles that have been put in front of us our people can fly another social media user said as adults it is our job to help each child find their talent and to support themthe joy from this propels them in all things they do

anthony is one of 12 students at the leap of dance academy the academy is in a poor district of lagos it provides free dance lessons to underprivileged children who have nowhere to practice the academys founder daniel ajala owoseni told bbc news 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 dont know that it is not only for girls he added how i want them to see me is that when i am dancing they know that there is a male ballet dancer the feeling that comes over me is as if i am dreaming

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. BALLET DANCERS: Make a poster about ballet dancers. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. STUDY: Write a magazine article about everyone having to study ballet when they are at school. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on ballet dancers. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on ballet. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c F d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. d	3. g	4. b	5. f
6. a	7. j	8. e	9. h	10. c

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Lagos, Nigeria
2. An Oscar
3. Fly
4. Brutal obstacles
5. Joy
6. Twelve
7. Underprivileged children
8. The narrative
9. Stereotypes about male dancers
10. That there is a male dancer

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A video of him dancing in the rain.
2. Madu impressed people worldwide with his dancing skill.
3. Obstacles have been put in front of us.
4. It is our job to help each child.
5. Propels them in all things they do.
6. The academy is in a poor district.
7. It provides free dance lessons to underprivileged children.
8. We are changing the narrative about the stereotype.
9. There are no male ballet dancers like me.
10. They know there is a male ballet dancer.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)