

# Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"

[breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites

[www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

**Level 5** – 15th July, 2019

## 11-year-old's ballet video goes viral

**FREE** online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-5.html>

### Contents

The Reading	2
Phrase Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Survey	6
Writing and Speaking	7
Writing	8

Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

Twitter



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

Facebook



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-5.html>

An 11-year-old boy is famous after a video of him dancing in the rain outside his home in Nigeria went viral. Anthony Madu impressed people with his skill, passion and dedication. An Oscar-winning actor saw a video of Anthony and put it on her social media. 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 social media user said: "As adults, it is our job to help each child find their talent and to support them...The joy from this propels them in all things they do."

Anthony is a student at a dance academy in a poor district of Lagos. The academy gives free lessons to underprivileged children who have nowhere to practice. The academy's founder 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 don't know that it is not only for girls." He said he wanted people to know that there are also male ballet dancers. He added that this makes him feel like he is dreaming.

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>  
<https://www.gulftoday.ae/lifestyle/2020/07/07/nigeria-dance-academy-looks-to-spread-ballet-among-lagos-children>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a video of him dancing | a. her social media |
| 2. impressed people       | b. help each child  |
| 3. passion and            | c. with his skill   |
| 4. put it on              | d. front of us      |
| 5. despite the brutal     | e. they do          |
| 6. put in                 | f. dedication       |
| 7. it is our job to       | g. in the rain      |
| 8. in all things          | h. obstacles        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Anthony is a student at  | a. children            |
| 2. in a poor                | b. male ballet dancers |
| 3. underprivileged          | c. of male dancers     |
| 4. We are changing the      | d. like he is dreaming |
| 5. the stereotype           | e. a dance academy     |
| 6. He said he wanted people | f. narrative           |
| 7. there are also           | g. to know             |
| 8. makes him feel           | h. district of Lagos   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-5.html>

An 11-year-old boy is famous (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of him dancing in the rain outside his home in (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Anthony Madu impressed people with his (3) \_\_\_\_\_ dedication. An Oscar-winning actor saw a video of Anthony and put it on her social media. She tweeted: "We (4) \_\_\_\_\_ imagine, have unleashed passion, and love, despite the brutal obstacles that have been put in front of us." Another social media user said: "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ is our job to help each child find their talent and to support them...The joy from (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in all things they do."

Anthony is a student at (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in a poor district of Lagos. The academy gives (8) \_\_\_\_\_ underprivileged children who have nowhere to practice. The academy's founder told BBC News: "We (9) \_\_\_\_\_ narrative about (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 said he wanted (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that there are also male ballet dancers. He added that this makes him feel like (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-5.html>

An 11-year-old boy is famous after a video of him dancing in the rain outside his home in Nigeria went viral. Anthony Madu impressed people with his skill, passion and dedication. An Oscar-winning actress saw a video of Anthony and put it on her social media. 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 social media user said: "As adults, it is our job to help each child find their talent and to support them... They grow from this and propel them in all things they do." Anthony is a student at a dance academy in a poor district of Lagos. The academy gives free lessons to underprivileged children who have nowhere to practice. The academy's founder 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 don't know that it is not only for girls." He said he wanted people to know that there are also male ballet dancers. He added that this makes him feel like he is dreaming.

# BALLET DANCER SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200714-ballet-dancer-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

*11-year-old's ballet video goes viral – 15th July, 2019*  
More free lessons at [breakingnewsenglish.com](http://breakingnewsenglish.com)

---

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

