

# Year 8 'Social dance' The World : DANCE

## KEY VOCABULARY

### Style of dance - Contemporary

**Contemporary** is an expressive style of dance that is used to tell a story or a narrative through the movement.

**Choreographic Device** - A method used to develop movement to make it more interesting.

**Unison:** Performing movement at exactly the same time.

**Levels** - The height of the dancer in relation to the floor. For example: sitting on the floor would be low level, kneeling/standing could be middle level and jumping would be a high level.

**Contact** – When dancers physically touch each other during movement and make contact with another performer, usually found in ballroom dancing.

**Canon** – When a group of people perform the same movement but at different times – like a Mexican wave.

**Formation** – The shape or pattern dancers make in the space

Canon, choreograph, duo, duet, dynamics, extension, focus, gesture, jump, leap, turn, twist, levels, motif, development, musicality, relationship, contact, retrograde, solo, space, structure, travel, trio, union, imitate, copy, unison, height, posture, expression

## Social dance

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A social dance is a style of dance with the function of bringing people together. Social dances are focused on participation as well as performance.



## Social dance Around The World

### Samba - Brazil

- Samba is the style of dance performed at carnivals
- Carnival dance is similar to street dance, a ballroom competition dance.
- Samba is a Brazilian dance with African roots.
- It originated in Brazil in the 19th century.
- Samba owes its rhythm and moves to the African slave dances on the Brazilian sugarcane plantations.
- The aim of the dance is to have fun, it's a party dance.

### Hip-Hop - America

- Began in America in the 1960's
- Street dance styles include: Popping, locking, breaking, waacking and krumping
- Hip Hop dance battles began on the streets of New York and are now major dance competitions
- The dance style was made to match popular music of the time
- Hip Hop dance is about showing confidence, your identify and attitude

### The Hand Jive

- The hand jive is a dance associated with music of the 1940s, rhythm and blues in particular.
- Hand moves include thigh slapping, cross-wrist slapping, fist pounding and hand clapping
- The Hand Jive has featured in lots of 1980's films such as 'Grease,' 'Flash dance' and 'The Breakfast club'