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Chimpanzees love dancing, say researchers

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A study shows that chimpanzees love to dance. They also like clapping, nodding their head, and tapping their feet to music. Researchers say their study could explain how humans started to like music. They did tests on seven chimps and played them piano music for six days. The researchers said the chimps had a sense of rhythm and the music changed their mood. The male chimpanzees seemed to move to the songs more than the females.

Chimpanzees passed on a liking for dance to early humans around six million years ago. The researchers said the love of dancing was in the earliest humans. A researcher said: "Chimpanzees dance...in the same way as humans." She added: "Listening to music causes rhythmic movement, suggesting a close connection between the [hearing and movement] areas in the brain." She believes the research could explain why we love dancing so much.

Sources: <https://news.sky.com/story/dancing-chimps-like-to-clap-along-and-tap-their-toes-to-music-11894515>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. nodding their | a. of rhythm |
| 2. tapping their | b. to like music |
| 3. explain how humans started | c. more |
| 4. They did tests | d. feet to music |
| 5. piano | e. mood |
| 6. the chimps had a sense | f. on seven chimps |
| 7. the music changed their | g. head |
| 8. move to the songs | h. music |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. around six | a. the research |
| 2. in the earliest | b. humans |
| 3. in the same way as | c. so much |
| 4. Listening to music causes | d. connection |
| 5. a close | e. humans |
| 6. areas in the | f. million years ago |
| 7. She believes | g. rhythmic movement |
| 8. why we love dancing | h. brain |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A study shows that chimpanzees (1) _____. They also like clapping, (2) _____, and tapping their feet to music. Researchers say their (3) _____ how humans started to like music. They did tests on seven chimps and (4) _____ music for six days. The researchers said the chimps had a (5) _____ and the music changed their mood. The male chimpanzees seemed to move to (6) _____ than the females.

Chimpanzees passed on a liking for dance (7) _____ around six million years ago. The researchers said the (8) _____ was in the earliest humans. A researcher said: "Chimpanzees dance...in the same (9) _____." She added: "Listening to music causes rhythmic movement, suggesting (10) _____ between the (11) _____ areas in the brain." She believes the research could (12) _____ love dancing so much.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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DANCING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1912/191227-dancing-chimpanzees-4.html>

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) _____

