2.6. Виды танцев  
Types of Dances

Task **1.** Read the text and say which style of dance mentioned in the text appeals to you more.

Dance is popular all over the world. People enjoy expressing themselves through movement. The word "dance" conjures up different images for different people. Over the years, dance has evolved into several distinct forms. Different styles of dance are distinguished by many things such as shoes, music, and costumes. Dance seems to be a lot like ice cream flavors...it's so hard to choose just one. If you are thinking of trying out a new dance style, there may be a few you haven't even considered. Check out this list of dance genres and see which one appeals to you. There are many fun types of dance, you may need to sample a few to find your favorite.

Ballet serves as a backbone for many other styles of dance, as many other dance genres are based on ballet. Ballet is based on techniques that have been developed over centuries. Ballet uses music and dance to tell stories. Ballet dancers have the ability to transport an audience to another world.

Jazz is a fun dance style that relies heavily on originality and improvisation. Many jazz dancers mix different styles into their dancing, incorporating their own expression. Jazz dancing often uses bold, dramatic body movements, including body isolations and contractions.

Tap dancing is an exciting form of dance in which dancers wear special shoes equipped with metal taps. Tap dancers use their feet like drums to create rhythmic patterns and timely beats.

Hip-hop is a dance style, usually danced to hip-hop music, that evolved from the hip-hop culture. Hip-hop includes various moves such as breaking, popping, locking and krumping, and even house dance. Improvisation and personal interpretation are essential to hip-hop dancing.

Modern dance is a dance style that rejects many of the strict rules of classical ballet, focusing instead on the expression of inner feelings. Modem dance was created as a rebellion against classical ballet, emphasizing creativity in choreography and performance.

Swing dance is a lively dance style in which couples swing, spin and jump together. Swing dancing is a general term that means dancing to swing music, or music that "swings". Swing dancers know when a song swings because when they hear it, they can't stand still.

Country and western dance includes several dance forms, usually danced to country-western music. If you've ever been to a country and western club or tavern, you've probably seen a few cowboy boot-wearing dancers twirling around the dance floor with big smiles on their faces.

Belly dance is a unique form of dance characterized by sharp, rolling movements of the hips and abdomen. The true origins of belly dancing are debated among enthusiasts. •

Flamenco dance is an expressive dance form that mixes percussive footwork with intricate hand, arm and body movements.

Latin dance is a fast-paced, often sensual, partner dance characterized by sexy hip movements. However, hip movements are not intentional in any of the Latin dances. The hip motion is a natural consequence of changing weight from one foot to the other.

Folk dance refers to a variety of dances developed by groups or communities, as opposed to being made up by a choreographer. There are several types of folk dance including English country dance, international folk dance, Irish dance, square dance, and much more. Folk dances are often performed at social events.

Task 2. Find in the text English equivalents to the following.

Выражать себя через движение, вызывать в воображении различные образы, попробовать несколько видов танцев, служить основой, переносить публику, зависеть от оригинальности и импровизации, носить специальную обувь, создавать ритмические рисунки, включать в себя различные движения, отвергать многие строгие правила, придавать особое значение творчеству, стоять на месте, кружиться по танцполу, вращательные движения бедер и живота, сложные движения кисти, кадриль.

Task 3. Answer the questions.

1. What are different dance styles distinguished by?
2. What types of dance can you name?
3. What is your favourite dance style?
4. What dance style would you like to sample?

Task 4. Tell about your favourite dance style.