

Descriptive Language Kindergarten – 12th Grade

Activity

Structured Improvisation Performer/Audience: Students will be given guidelines to their movement or shapes, but will have freedom of *how* to achieve their goal.

Dance Elements

Shape: Straight, Curved, and Angled

Content Area

English Language Arts

TEKS Addressed

Can be adapted to any age.

Kindergarten

- ELA.K.16A.iii Understand and use descriptive words in the context of reading, writing, and speaking (with adult assistance).

3rd Grade

- ELA.3.22A.iii Use and understand the function of adjectives (e.g., descriptive: wooden, rectangular; limiting: this, that; articles: a, an, the) in the context of reading, writing, and speaking.

6th Grade

- THEATRE.2.E express emotions and ideas using interpretive movements and dialogue;

9th Grade

- DANCE 9.A.2C Express ideas and emotions through movement.



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	Basic Steps
Performer/Audience Activity	<p>For younger dancers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review straight, curved, and angled shapes with bodies. • Similar to Charades, students will be given a card with a mood on it (happy, sad, tired, shy, etc.). Teacher may need to help the student with ideas • Student must show the mood with their body without using words. • Other students will guess the mood. <p>For older dancers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review straight, curved, and crooked shapes with bodies and how these shapes can affect how a person is perceived (ex. Tall, straight body may reflect courage; a slumped, curved body may reflect tiredness) • Can be played just like true Charades • Split into two groups. Can also split into 4 groups to have two games going at once. • Student will be given a mood card with more difficult words (disgusted, shameful, confident, envious, etc.) • Students from their team must guess the mood. <p>Reflection: Ask the students to articulate why they guessed a particular mood/vocabulary word? What specifically about the body's shape, the dancer's face, posture, pose demonstrated this mood/definition?</p>

