

## CEILIDH DANCING

### Workshop Vocabulary and Various Dances

#### Task 1: INTRODUCTION

1. Can you answer the questions below?
2. Where does Céilidh/céilí come from?
3. What does Céilidh/céilí mean?
4. Is Céilidh/céilí just one dance?
5. Why do they have Céilidh/céilí in Ireland and Scotland?
6. What other things do Ireland and Scotland have in common?
7. Is the Céilidh/céilí easy to dance?
8. When dancing the "Canadian barn dance" which leg do you start with?

#### Task 2: DANCES

Can you complete the names of the Céilidh/céilí dances? :

1. S \_ r \_ p the \_ ill \_ \_ .
2. The \_ a \_ G \_ rd \_ \_ \_ .
3. The \_ \_ \_ \_ dian b \_ \_ \_ dance.

#### Task 3: THE GAY GORDONS

Put the dance steps in the right order.

Then use the video to check.: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P53f7a5WeOY>

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1. Take 4 steps backward.
2. Polka for 4 bars.
3. The lady dances under the man's arm for 4 bars.
4. Repeat in the direction you came from to get back to the start.
5. Take four steps forward and turn.
6. Start with the man on the left and the women on the right. Hold arms like in the video.

#### **Task 4: THE CANADIA BARN DANCE**

Put the correct words in the gaps to complete the dance instructions.

Then use the video to check: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mc0yO39IRKg>

move away, hop step, clap, short running steps, hand, short steps, Waltz hold, arm, backwards, hop, left, waist.

1. The secret to this dance are the \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The man stands on the \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The woman puts her left \_\_\_\_\_ on the man's right shoulder and the man puts his right \_\_\_\_\_ around her \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Take 3 \_\_\_\_\_ forward and \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Repeat \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 steps to the side and face your partner and \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Take your partner in a \_\_\_\_\_ . Then take two steps to the side and two steps back towards the line of dance.
8. Finally, \_\_\_\_\_ round.

#### **TASK 5: STRIP THE WILLOW**

Choose the correct answer. Discuss it with your partner.

##### **1. What is the position the first man and woman take?**

A. Crossed arms.

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- B. Linking arms.
- C. Holding hands.

**2. How many beats do they spin round for at the beginning?**

- A. 4
- B. 8
- C. 16

**3. After they finish spinning where do the man and woman go?**

- A. To each other.
- B. The man to the next man, the woman to the next woman.
- C. The man to the next woman, the woman to the next man.

**4. They link arms with the new person and spin for how long?**

- A. 3 times.
- B. Half a spin.
- C. 1 time.

**5. Then what do the first man and woman do?**

- A. Spin around for half a turn together in the middle.
- B. Spin around for full turn together in the middle.
- C. Go straight to the next person.

**6. Then what happens?**

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- A. The first man and woman stop.
- B. They repeat the same with every man and woman in the line.
- C. They all go home.

Check on the video. Start watching it from 3.40.:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcI8UIJBP5o>

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### Teachers' Notes

You can use these worksheets either before or after the event e.g. Task 1 and 2 before the workshop, and Task 3,4, and 5 after.

Here are the answers for you.

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### **Task 1 Answers**

1. Ireland and Scotland
2. 'Companion' and came to mean a 'social gathering' to have fun.
3. The Céilidh/céilí is many different dances
4. The tribe of the 'Scots' were Gaels from Ireland who came to Scotland.
5. Whiskey or Whisky, their original languages (Gaelic languages) which are very similar and folk music.
6. Yes. There are many different dances, some are done by professionals but the ones at weddings and gatherings are easy.
7. The outside leg.

### **Task 2 Answers**

1. Strip the willow
2. The Gay Gordon's
3. The Canadian barn dance

**Task 3 Answers (Gay Gordon's)**

Correct order is: 6, 5, 1, 4, 3, 2,

**Task 4 Answers (The Canadian Barn Dance)**

1. Intro: Short running steps
2. Left.
3. Hand, arm, waist.
4. Short steps, hop.
5. Backwards.
6. Move away, clap.
7. Waltz hold.
8. Hop step.

**Task 3 Answers (Strip the Willow)**

1.A, 2.C, 3.C, 4.B, 5.A, 6.B,