

Welcome!

This is a Casual Class which focuses on practicing your speaking skills with one another.

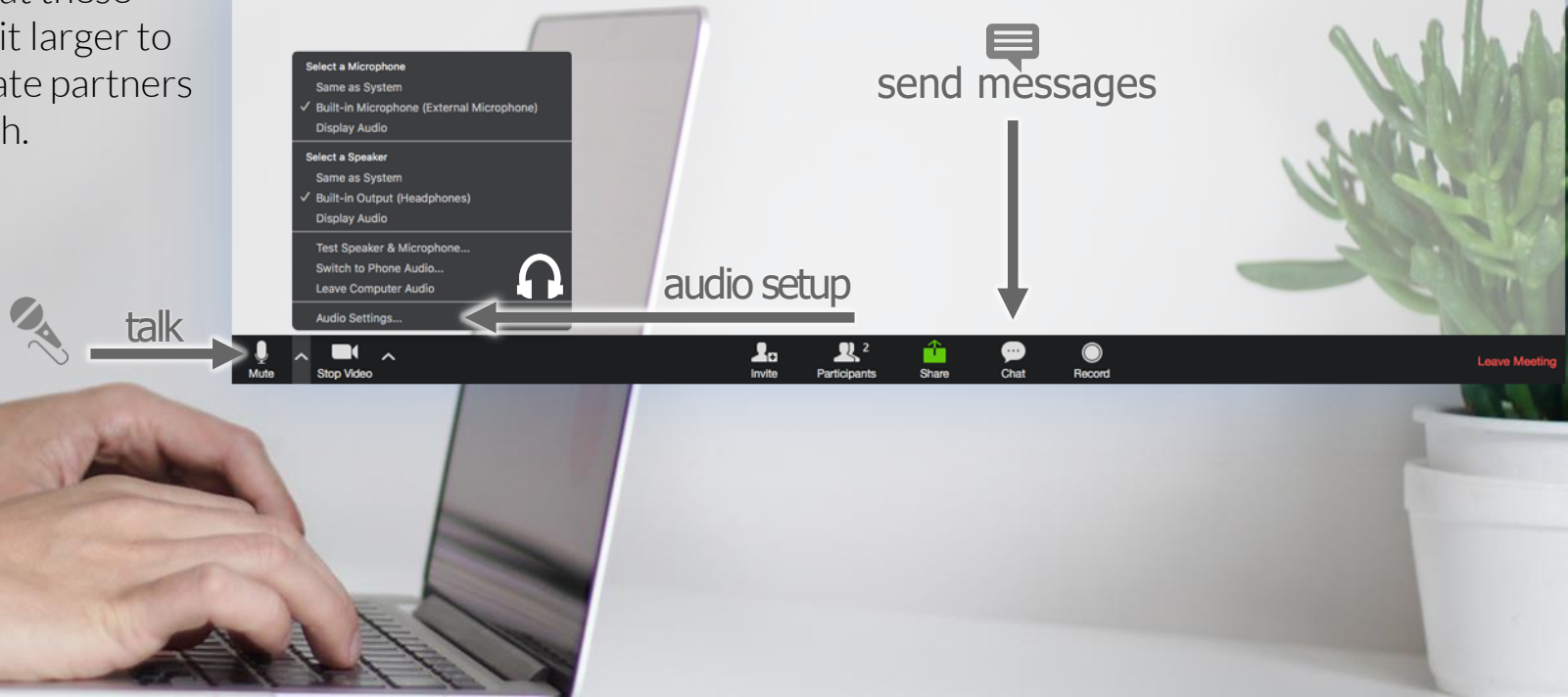
We do not focus on error correction in this class. Please note that these classes are a bit larger to ensure adequate partners to practice with.

How can I interact with the class?

Take a look at how to use your toolbar.

Quick tip: Can't see the toolbar?

Hover your mouse at the bottom of your screen and it will automatically pop up.



Let's Go Dancing

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- discuss types of dances.
- compare dances.
- discuss traditional dances.

Warm Up

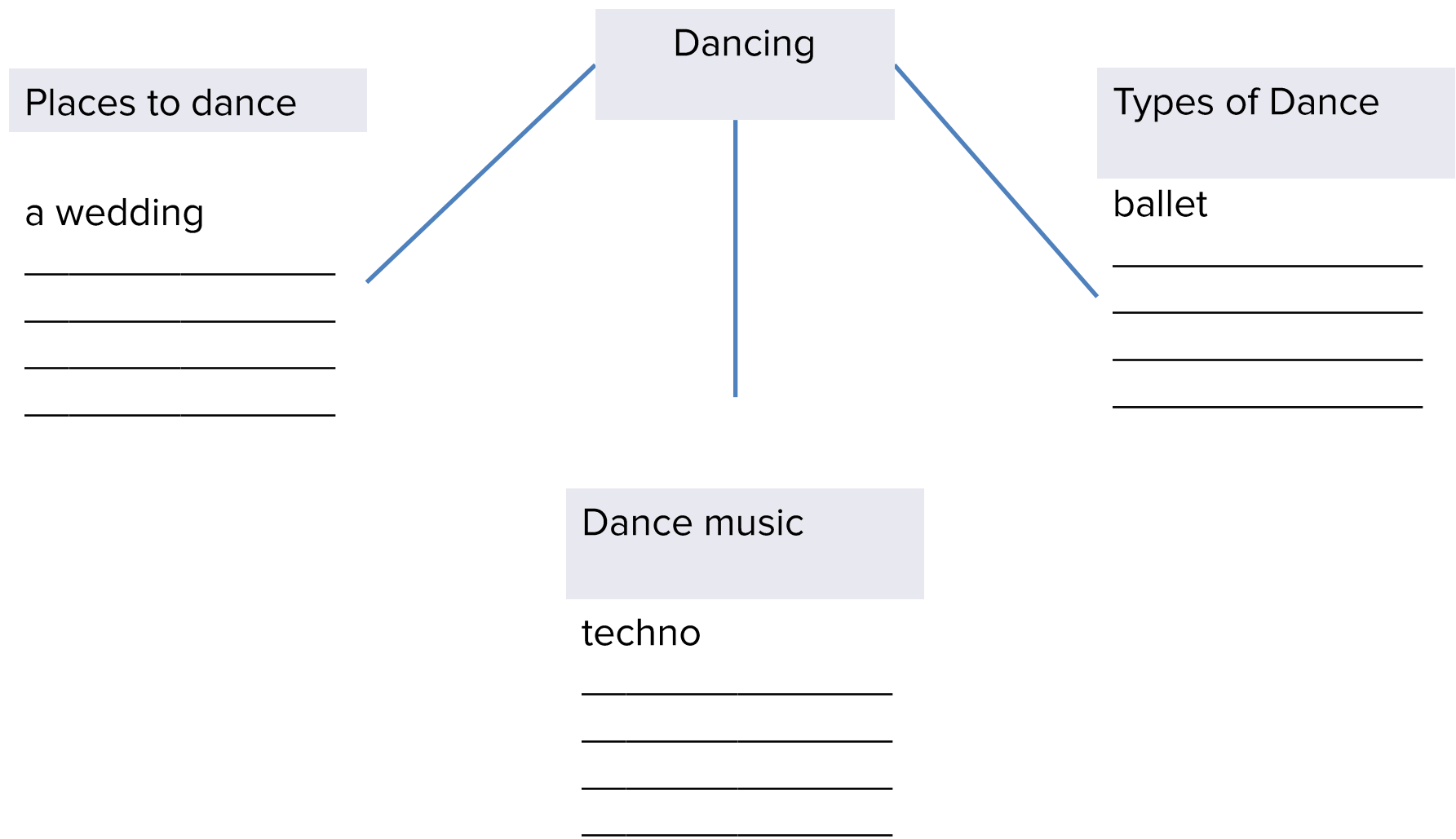
Discuss what is happening in the picture. Listen to your classmates' answers.

- What do you think is happening in this picture?
- Do you enjoy dancing? Explain.
- When was the last time you went out dancing? Tell the class about it.



Mind Map

What do you think about when you think of dancing? Fill in as many words for each category as you can.



Ranking

Choose the best three kinds of dances. Explain your choices.

salsa

ballet

Latin

hip hop

ballroom

I think _____ is the best dance because...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Which types of dances can you do?

Let's Talk

Describe the pictures. Ask and answer the questions with your classmates.



A professional ballet performance



Dancing at a club

- Describe each type of dancing.
- How are they similar? How are they different?
- Which is formal? Which is informal? How do you know?

Phrasal Verb

Talk about this phrasal verb and answer the question.

To sit out = to not participate



Example: I will *sit out* this dance because I'm very tired.

Do you *sit out* a lot of dances? Explain.

I [sit out/don't sit out] a lot of dances because _____.

Idiom

Talk to your teacher and classmates about this idiom and answer the question.

To dance on air = to be very happy about something



Example: When I got the promotion at work, I was dancing on air.
When were you dancing on air? Tell the class about it.

Culture Corner

Read the paragraph about culture and discuss.

Every culture has a traditional dance. Flamenco is a vibrant, proud traditional dance from Spain. Eskista, a traditional dance from Ethiopia, is complex and technical. The Noh Mai dance from Japan is traditional and theatrical.

- What is the name for the traditional dancing of your country?
- What adjectives describe your country's traditional dance?
- What costumes do men and women wear to do this dance?



Polynesian traditional dance

Sign Post

Read the quote and discuss.



"Dance is the hidden* language of the soul."

-Martha Graham
(U.S. Dancer, 1894-1991)

What does this mean to you?

Do you believe this is true? Why or why not?

*hidden = secret

Act It Out

Choose a role and act it out with a partner.



Role A

1. You want to see a dance performance tonight.
2. Explain to your friend why watching a dance performance will be fun.
3. Convince your friend to buy tickets with you.

Role B

1. You want to go out dancing tonight.
2. Explain to your friend why going dancing is a better idea.
3. Convince your friend to go to a dance club with you.

Work Together

Work with your class to complete this project.

Your class is going to attend a dance class. Choose one type of dance you would like to try. Try to agree.



bellydance

ballet

hip hop

tango

salsa

hula

ballroom dancing

Let's Talk About You

Talk about yourself. Answer these questions with your classmates.

How often do you go dancing?

What is the best dance club in your city? Why?

If you could learn any type of dance, what type of dance would you learn?

