Dance achievement objectives – key words

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This reference provides teachers with a memory aid for planning dance units. It lays out the key action words (verbs) from the achievement objectives of the dance strands (in *The Arts in the New Zealand Curriculum*) alongside examples of key words that can be used in learning objectives related to these achievement objectives.

Achievement objectives
Students will…

- explore
- identify and explore
- explore, combine and contrast
- use
- explore and use

Strand: **P**ractical **K**nowledge

- use
- express
- initiate and express
- develop
- select, combine and use
- explore and use

Strand: **D**eveloping **I**deas

- share
- describe
- present
- respond
- interpret
- record responses

Strand:
Communicating and **I**nterpreting

Learning outcomes
For example, students will be able to…

- **explore** through movement …
- **experiment** with …
- **combine** movements that …
- **improvise** movements based on …
- **create** a body movement that …
- **select** movements that …
- **move** in response to ..

- **develop** ideas in response to …
- **create** a movement to depict …
- **express** ideas using …
- **make** a movement sequence that…
- **investigate** the way the body …
- **brainstorm** about …
- **explore** words and visual images
- **explore** different ways that …
- **talk about** the way …

- **talk about** own and another's work
- **share** movement sequences
- **suggest** ways that …
- **observe** the way …
- **describe** the meaning/effect of …
- **view and discuss** a performance
- **discuss** the images suggested by…
- **communicate** images/meanings
- **rehearse and perform**
- **record** responses to/ ideas about …
- **reflect** on …

- demonstrate awareness of
- explore and describe how
- compare and contrast
- investigate
- research

Strand:
Understanding **C**ontext

- **talk about** dance in the community
- **learn** a dance from …
- **classify** types of dance
- **participate** in celebratory dance
- **list** similarities and differences of ...
- **create** original dances that …
- **find out** about a dance used for …
- **compare** dances from …