

Giraffes Can't Dance  
Comprehension

Section A

1. What is Gerald really very bad at?

2. What did the cricket say to Gerald to make him feel better?

3. Why were the other animals surprised at the end?

4. Find the words in the story that rhyme with these words:

trees	
dance	
sad	
rolled	
floor	

**Section B**

**5. What is Gerald good at doing at the start of the story? (C2)**

**6. What dances did the different animals do at the dance? (C2)**

Warthogs	
Rhinos	
Lions	
Chimps	
Baboons	

**7. What did the animals do when it was Gerald's turn to dance? (C2)**

**8. What do you think the other animals should have done, instead of being unkind to Gerald? (R2)**

**9. How do you think Gerald felt when he started to dance? (P3/1d)**

**Section C**

**10. What words describe Gerald on the first page? (T2/1b)**

**11. What other words could describe how Gerald might have been feeling about his dancing? (C1/1a)**

**12. How did Gerald feel when he went home? (P3/1d)**

**13. Can the cricket's advice be used for other situations? (P1)**

Section D

14. Why did Gerald feel sad about the dance? (P3/1d)

15. What does ‘swallowed bravely’ mean? (C1/1a)

16. What does the cricket mean by needing a different song? (P3/1d)

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Challenge Activity

Section A

In the boxes below, write or draw something that Gerald is good at, and something he isn't good at, at the beginning of the story.

Gerald is good at:	Gerald isn't very good at:
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Section B

Match the words that rhyme.

1. sad

2. sky

3. trees

4. wide

5. above
- a. sigh

b. cried

c. bad

d. love

e. breeze

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Section C

Which word would best describe Gerald? Tick one.

athletic	<input type="checkbox"/>	clumsy	<input type="checkbox"/>
small	<input type="checkbox"/>	stripy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which other word could you use to describe how Gerald might feel when he was dancing at the Jungle Dance? Tick two.

worried	<input type="checkbox"/>	happy	<input type="checkbox"/>
excited	<input type="checkbox"/>	scared	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section D

Tick to show if the statement is true or false.

	true	false
The lion helped Gerald learn to dance.		
The animals were kind to Gerald at the beginning.		
The warthogs did a waltz.		
The cricket played a violin.		