

Ballet Terminology Dance I

A la seconde (*ah la suh-GAWND*) – to the second or to the side

A terre (*a-tehr*) – on the floor

Arabesque (*a-ra-BESK*) - a position in which the dancer is standing on one leg, which can be straight or demi plie while the other leg is extended behind.

Assemble (*a-sahn-BLAY*) – to assemble

Attitude (*a-tee-TEWD*) – a position on one leg with the other leg lifted. The lifted leg is bent at the knee at an angle of 90 degrees. An attitude can be done en croix.

Balance (*ba-lahn-SAY*) – a rocking step. Side, back, front.

Chaîne (*sheh-NAY*) - a chain

Changement (*shahnzh-MAHN*) – to change

Chasse (*sha-SAY*) – to chase

Coupe (*koo-PAY*) – to cut

Degage (*day-ga-ZHAY*) – to disengage

Demi (*duh-MEE*) – half, small

Derriere (*deh-RYEHR*) – to the back

Devant (*duh-VAHN*) – to the front

Developpe (*dayv-law-PAY*) – to unfold or develop

Echappe (*ay-sha-PAY*) – to escape

En croix (*ahn-krwah*)– in a cross, once each direction front, side, back, side

En dedans (*ahn-duh-DAHN*) – inward, inside

En dehors (*ahn-duh-AWR*)– outward, outside

En l'air (*ahn-lehr*) – in the air

Glissade (*glee-SAD*)– to glide

Grand (*grahnd*)– large

Grand battement (*grahnd-bat-MAHN*)– Big kick.

Jete (*zhuh-TAY*)– to toss or throw

Pas de bourree (*pah-duh-boo-RAY*)– back, side, front, on releve

Pas de chat (*pah-duh-shah*)– step of the cat

Passé (*pa-SAY*)– to pass

Pique (*pee-KAY*)– to prick

Pirouette (*peer-WET*)– a turn on one leg, while the other leg is in passé.

Plie (*plee-AY*) – to bend

Port de bras (*pawr-duh-brah*)– carriage of the arms

Releve (*ruhl-VAY*)– to rise

Rond de jambe (*rawn-duh-zhahnb*) – round of the leg

Sauté (*soh-TAY*)– to jump

Sissonne (*see-SAWN*)– scissors

Sous-sus (*soo-SEW*)- under-over, tight 5th position on releve

Soutenu (*soot-NEW*) – to sustain

Tendu (*tahn-DEW*)– to stretch

BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THESE STEPS, SPELL THEM, AND KNOW EACH DEFINITION.

A day classes:

Written Test – Oct. 17th

Movement Test – Oct. 19th

B day classes:

Written Test – Oct 14th

Movement Test – Oct. 18th