

Teamwork on the Dance Floor

Read the dance article.

Then follow the directions in the Text Marking box.

Do you enjoy music and movement? Do you like being part of a group? If so, try square dancing. Square dancing is a form of folk dance. It's a casual type of dancing anybody can learn.

Square dancing began long ago in France. It was called the *quadrille* (kwa-DRILL). Four couples stood in a square; everyone faced the center. When musicians began to play, the *set* (a group of four couples) danced the moves they had learned ahead of time.

Square dancers found much to like. They learned to mix musical rhythms with patterns of movement. They exercised their listening, thinking, and memory skills. They built cooperation and teamwork while having fun.

Square dancing eventually made its way to America. But nobody knows exactly how or when. People who knew the moves taught their friends so they could form sets. Over time, square dancing spread across America and became very popular.

People of all ages still square dance. Maybe there are square dancers in your community! Ask around.



Children square dancing

Text Marking

Find the main idea and supporting details.



Circle the main idea in each paragraph.



Underline at least one supporting detail for each main idea.

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▶ Answer each question. Give evidence from the article.

- 1 Which word has the same meaning as *set* (paragraph 2)?
 A. group B. couple C. package D. scenery

What in the text helped you answer? _____

- 2 What do you think the root word *quad* in *quadrille* means?
 A. two B. leg muscles C. four D. dance muscles

What in the text helped you answer? _____

- 3 Why is this kind of dancing called *square* dancing? Explain.

- 4 What things do square dancers enjoy?

