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Let's Dance

1 New words for this article

Nouveaux mots pour cet article

Pop star	Very famous singer of 'pop' music
Into (idiomatic English)	Like very much (I'm into jazz.)
'Shake your body'	Dance with all your body.
'I'm hungry'	I want to eat.
Jukebox	a machine that plays music in a bar
Musical instrument	an instrument to play music
to travel	To go to another place
to join	To put together
Bantu	A group of south African languages
That's us	(idiom) That is what we are like.

2 Comprehension Questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 How many English words in the article come from West Africa?
- 2 One word comes from South Africa. What word?
- 3 Where does the word 'jukebox' come from?
- 4 Who sang the song, 'Let's Dance'?
- 5 What does inyami mean in English?
- **3 Speaking activities -** Activités orales Pratiquez vos compétences orales répétez ces phrases.
- 1 Jazz comes from Mandinka,
- 2 Jazz is jasi in Mandinka.
- 3 I'm hungry.
- 4 A guitar is a musical instrument.
- 5 I'm into Merengue.

- **4 Speaking activities -** Activités orales Exercez-vous à parler répondez à ces questions en anglais:
- 1 Where does jazz come from?
- 2 What does okuru mean in English?
- 3 What is 'Hungry' in French?
- 4 Do you know any 'English' words from West African languages?
- 5 Do you like dancing?

Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

- A "Let's dance", sang
- B If I go into a bar and I hear music
- C If you're into Merengue (Salsa)
- D You speak English from everywhere
- E it comes from Fulani mererek.
- F and from lots of different languages.
- G it's often on a jukebox
- H the pop star, David Bowie.
- **True or False?** Vrai ou Faux?
- 1 'Let's Dance' is a song by Youssou N'Dour.
- 2 English has a lot of words from West African languages.
- 3 Banjo comes from West Africa.
- 4 Many African words became English words via America and Haiti.
- 5 Inyami' is 'okra' in English.
- 7 Fill in the gap Remplir le vide
- 1. you like jazz?
- 2. The word mambo _____ from West Africa.
- 3. David Bowie _____ 'Let's Dance'.
- 4. English takes words from many ______ languages.
- 5. Many _____ are about dance and music.



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Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

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- 1 11
- 2 banjo
- 3 Mandinka, Temne
- 4 David Bowie
- 5 yam
- 4 Speaking activities Activités orales
- 1 it comes from Mandinka and Temne.
- 2 It means okra.
- 3 It is faim.
- 4 Yes, I do./ No, I don't.
- 5 Yes, I do

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

- A=H
- B=G
- C=E
- D=F
- **6** True or False? Vrai ou Faux?
- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 False
- 4 True
- 5 True
- 7 Fill in the gap Remplir le vide
- 1 Do
- 2 comes
- 3 song
- 4 other
- 5 words