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1 59 Read and listen to the text. Where do you think this article is featured?

- a In a newspaper. b In an encyclopedia.

Teaching Dance in Schools: Is It PE?

What sports do American students usually play at school? In winter, it's usually basketball, hockey or gymnastics, and in summer it's often baseball or track and field. But at Yellow Creek Middle School, classes are different. So, what are they doing for their PE classes?

The students aren't playing basketball or hockey and they aren't running. They're doing a new form of exercise – they're doing street dance!

So, what is street dance and why are students doing it in school? There are many different types of street dance, but it's basically a combination of hip-hop dance, funk and lots of physical exercise. It's a lot of fun and all the students have a good time.

The students at Yellow Creek Middle School love street dance and are really happy. But, is it a sport? Street dance isn't an Olympic sport but the students are doing physical exercise. Some teenagers don't like playing competitive sports like soccer or running. They often bring notes from their doctors with an excuse, so they don't play anything. These students love street dance and there aren't any notes from the doctor today!

What's next for American PE lessons? Some schools are introducing skateboarding, martial arts and even yoga in their PE programs!

2 Skim the text and answer: is street dance part of a conventional PE program?

3 Write T for *true* or F for *false*.

- a American students always do street dance in their PE lessons.
- b There is only one type of street dance.
- c Students at Yellow Creek Middle School like doing street dance.
- d Street dance is an Olympic sport.
- e Many students don't play any sports in PE classes.
- f Yellow Creek Middle School is the only one in the country to offer unconventional activities in PE class.

4 Answer the questions.

a What sports do American students play at school?

b What is street dance?

c Why do some students bring notes from their doctor?
