

TEST 6

READING

Read the text and mark if the statements are T (true) or F (false) as in the example.

Flamenco is very popular in southern Spain. It begins with guitar music and clapping, and dancers join the performance. Sometimes a woman dances alone and sometimes she dances with a man. The woman usually wears a long, colourful dress. She moves her arms and hands slowly but her feet move fast, complicated steps. The man often wears black. Both dancers click their shoes on the floor when they dance around each other.

Cossack dances are from Ukraine. They are very energetic — some are more like gymnastics than dancing! Dancers have to be very fit because they jump very high and kick their legs up and down. They often jump over swords. The movements are similar to traditional Cossack activities, for example, sword fighting and getting on and off horses.

Limbo dancing is originally from West Africa but today it is an important part of celebrations in the Caribbean. Young people have to dance under a horizontal pole. The pole is often on fire and the dancers mustn't touch it! After a successful 'limbo', they put the pole lower and do it again. Some dancers can dance under a pole just twenty centimetres off the ground!

Mask dances are important for the Dogon people in Mali. Each village makes different masks. They are often huge and colourful. There are masks of people, monsters or local animals like crocodiles, hyenas and monkeys. Mask dancers are always men and they dance to the sound of drums for hours after the death of a person in the village. Nowadays, Dogon villagers also perform the dances for tourists. [26]

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- 0 ☒ ☐ Flamenco dancers begin after the music starts.
- 1 ☐ ☐ Flamenco is popular in Italy.
- 2 ☐ ☐ Cossacks dance slowly.
- 3 ☐ ☐ Cossack dances have movements which are similar to traditional activities.
- 4 ☐ ☐ Old people dance the limbo during carnivals.
- 5 ☐ ☐ Nowadays the limbo is popular in the Caribbean.
- 6 ☐ ☐ Dogon masks are colourful.