

Chapter 2

Classical Dances of India

India has a very rich culture of dance and music, such as traditional, classical, folk and tribal dance styles. There are six forms of the classical dances recognised by the country on a national level.

Writing names using numbers for the letters of the alphabet is called writing in secret code. Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet.

A. The numbers 1, 2, 3, ... are used to create a code language for the letters of the alphabet. Find out the names of dances of India with the help of the code language. One has been done for you:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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2	8	1	18	1	20	1	14	1	20	25	1	13
B	H	A	R	A	T	A	N	A	T	Y	A	M

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13	15	8	9	14	9	25	1	20	20	1	13

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11	21	3	8	9	16	21	4	9

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13	1	14	9	16	21	18	9

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15	4	9	19	19	9

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11	1	20	8	1	11	1	12	9

Think Fast

B. Match the dance with the states :

1. Bharatanatyam	(a) Kerala
2. Kuchipudi	(b) Uttar Pradesh
3. Kathak	(c) Tamil Nadu
4. Kathakali	(d) Odisha
5. Odissi	(e) Andhra Pradesh

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