

1. Scottish Dance Styles

Read the descriptions and definitions of the main Scottish dances.

Dance Type	Description
Waltz	A smooth dance in 3/4 time with three beats in the bar
Jig	A fast dance in 6/8 time that feels light and bouncy
Reel	A fast dance in 4/4 time often used at ceilidhs
Strathspey	A slow dance with strong snaps and dotted rhythms

Key Features – Fill in the Blanks

1. A **waltz** is usually written in _____ time.
 2. A **jig** is usually written in _____ time.
 3. A **reel** is usually written in _____ time.
 4. A **strathspey** uses a special rhythm called the _____.
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2. Scottish Dance Band / Ceilidh Band

A **Scottish dance band** (also called a **ceilidh band**) plays lively music for **Scottish dancing** at events such as weddings, parties and community ceilidhs.

Instruments in a Ceilidh Band

Tick (✓) the instruments you might hear in a ceilidh band:

- ☐ Fiddle
 - ☐ Accordion
 - ☐ Clarsach
 - ☐ Drum kit
 - ☐ Bagpipes
 - ☐ Bodhrán
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3. Scottish Instruments

Match the Instrument to its Description

Instrument	Description
Clarsach	A violin used in Scottish traditional music
Bagpipes	A handheld frame drum played with a beater
Fiddle	A squeezebox instrument often used for dance music
Accordion	A Scottish harp with metal strings
Bodhrán	An instrument that uses air and drones to create sound

Identify the Instrument

Type the name of the instrument next to each description.

1. A Scottish harp: _____
 2. A drum used to keep a steady rhythm: _____
 3. A bowed string instrument used in reels and jigs: _____
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4. Word Unscrambler

Unscramble the letters to find the correct Scottish music word.

1. **LTZAW** → _____
2. **GJI** → _____
3. **LERE** → _____
4. **YPSHTAERTS** → _____
5. **CLCARSHA** → _____
6. **AGBISPEP** → _____
7. **ELIDFI** → _____
8. **NODRHAB** → _____
9. **NOCCADRIO** → _____

5. Bagpipes and Pipe Bands

A **pipe band** is a group that usually includes:

- Bagpipes
- Snare drums
- Bass drum

True or False

Circle the correct answer.

1. Pipe bands only include bagpipes.
True / False
2. Pipe bands often march while playing.
True / False

Extension Final Task: *Design a Scottish Ceilidh Poster!*

You are designing a **poster to advertise a Scottish ceilidh**.

Your poster should be colourful, eye-catching and informative.

Use **ALL** of the following **Scottish music words** somewhere on your poster:

Waltz

Jig

Reel

Strathspey

Scottish dance band / ceilidh band

Fiddle

Accordion

Clarsach

Bagpipes

Pipe band

Bodhrán

What to Put on Your Poster

Your poster should include:

 Title A clear title (e.g. <i>Scottish Ceilidh Night!</i>)  Instruments A section showing the instruments used: You can draw the instruments or write fact bubbles	 Dance Types Short descriptions of at least four dance types (waltz, jig, reel, strathspey)  Groups Explain what a Scottish dance band (ceilidh band) and a pipe band are
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Success Checklist

Tick when complete:

- ☐ I used all the musical words
- ☐ I described dance types
- ☐ I included Scottish instruments
- ☐ My poster is neat and colourful