

The Israeli Billy Elliot – Vocabulary Worksheet

Read the text and choose the best option (a, b, or c) for each blank.

In the movie Billy Elliot, a young boy from a poor town in Wales discovers 1. _____ for dancing. Unfortunately, Billy's father strongly 2. _____ his son's new interest. He fears that if his son becomes a ballet dancer, it will bring 3. _____ and shame on the family. 4. _____ this, Billy refuses to give up his dream. With a lot of support and 5. _____ from his teacher, who recognizes the boy's outstanding talent, Billy 6. _____ manages to 7. _____ his father to allow him to attend ballet school in London. Billy is 8. _____ when his father agrees, but he soon discovers that becoming a ballet dancer is not easy. Ballet 9. _____ not only a lot of 10. _____, but also a great deal of 11. _____. However, Billy overcomes these challenges and goes on to become a famous dancer.

In June 2016, a musical production of Billy Elliot was staged in Tel Aviv, with 13-year-old Arnon Herring in the 12. _____ of Billy Elliot. Arnon had always loved acting and dancing, but he knew that most people do not 13. _____ ballet as 14. _____ field. After seeing a performance of the musical Cats, however, Arnon was hooked. He 15. _____ in a ballet class and has been dancing ever since.

Choose the correct answer:

1. a. an athlete b. consent c. a passion
2. a. disapproves of b. excels at c. puts up with
3. a. courage b. determination c. dishonor
4. a. Ashamed of b. Concerned about c. In spite of
5. a. encouragement b. criticism c. teasing

6. a. discreetly b. eventually c. unfortunately
7. a. oblige b. sneak c. persuade
8. a. fierce b. contemporary c. overjoyed
9. a. reacts b. rejects c. requires
10. a. physical strength b. performing arts c. international championships
11. a. humiliation b. self-discipline c. traditional roles
12. a. gear b. norm c. role
13. a. recall b. regard c. observe
14. a. a constant b. an exhausting c. a masculine
15. a. enrolled b. dared c. struggled