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Gawai Dayak is a festival celebrated in Sarawak on the 1st and 2nd June every year. The Gawai Dayak is celebrated by the Dayaks. During this festival, a traditional dance called the *Ngajat* is performed.







While performing the dance, the male dancers wear a headgear called *burang sumba*. It is made of cloth with golden lace. They wear a long loin-cloth called *tahup*. It is wrapped neatly around the body with one end hanging down in front and the other end hanging behind. They wear bangles and a pair of earrings. They hold a long sword in one hand and an ornately decorated shield in the other.

The female dancers wear an elaborate headdress called *sipiah* and a knee length dress with intricate weaving. It is called *jomuh*. Their necklaces are made of beads. Copper bangles called *sarim* are worn on the legs from the knee downward. They wear copper bangles on their arms and forearms as well. Copper belts called *porik* are also worn by the women.

In conclusion, if you have never seen a *Ngajat* dance, visit Sarawak during Gawai Dayak to experience its uniqueness.

Tahup	Porik	Burang Sumba
Sipiah	Jomuh	Sarim

Complete the table.

Description of accessories	Name of traditional accessories
1. Male dancer's headgear	
2. Female dancer's headdress	
3. A long loin-cloth	
4. A knee length dress with intricate weaving	
5. Bangles worn from the knee downward	
6. Copper belt	

Choose the correct answer:

It is made of cloth with golden lace

It is because to show their culture through the dance.

Yes, it is because they can preserve and appreciate their culture.

They symbolize the warrior and bravery.

1. Why do you think the Ngajat dancers wear traditional clothes during their performance?

2. What is a male dancer's headgear made of?

3. What do you think the long sword and shield symbolize?

4. Do you think the younger generations should learn their traditional dance? Why?