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 _____ _____.

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

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: _____

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	**Accordion**
Jig	**Clarsach**
Reel	**Bagpipes**
Strathspey	**Pipe band**
Scottish dance band / ceilidh band	**Bodhrán**
Fiddle	

What to Put on Your Poster

Your poster should include:

🎵 **Title**

A clear title (e.g. *Scottish Ceilidh Night!*)

🎻 **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

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