

The Bangles – Walk like an Egyptian

All the old paintings on the _____
They do the sand dance, don't you know?
If they move too quick (Oh-way-oh)
They're falling down like a domino
All the _____ men by the Nile
They got the money on a bet
Gold crocodiles (Oh-way-oh)
They snap their teeth on your cigarette

_____ types with the hookah pipes say
Way-oh, way-oh, ooh-way-oh-way-oh
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[Verse 2: Michael Steele, All]
The blonde _____ take their trays
They spin around, and they cross the floor
They've got the moves (Oh-way-oh)
You drop your drink, then they bring you more
All the school kids so _____ of books
They like the punk and the metal band
When the buzzer rings (Oh-way-oh)
They're walking like an Egyptian

All the kids in the marketplace say
Way-oh, way-oh, ooh-way-oh-way-oh
Walk like an Egyptian

Slide your _____ up the street, bend your back
Shift your arm, then you pull it back
Life is hard, you know (Oh-way-oh)
So _____ a pose on a Cadillac
If you want to find all the cops
They're hanging out in the _____ shop
They sing and dance (Oh-way-oh)
They spin the clubs, cruise down the block
All the Japanese with their yen
The party boys call the Kremlin
And the Chinese know (Oh-way-oh)
They walk the line like Egyptian

Vocabulary

- ❖ to be sick of something
- ❖ to cruise down
- ❖ to hang out
- ❖ to have the moves
- ❖ to pull back
- ❖ to spin around
- ❖ to strike a pose
- ❖ to walk the line

Fill in the gaps

1. The photographer asked the model to _____ and look directly into the camera.
2. You have to _____ between being friendly with your colleagues and becoming too involved in their personal problems.
3. Where do teenagers usually _____ after school in your neighbourhood?
4. She heard someone call her name, so she suddenly _____ to see who it was.
5. When the dog tried to grab the toy, the child _____ and held it tightly against his chest.
6. We spent the whole evening _____ the streets with the windows down and the music playing.
7. After studying for six hours without a break, I was completely _____ grammar exercises.
8. Nobody expected her to dance, but once the music started, she showed that she really _____.

Choose the opposite meaning

Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the opposite of the expression in bold.

1. strike a pose

- A) Stand still for a photograph and deliberately arrange your body.
- B) Present yourself in a carefully chosen position.
- C) Move naturally without deliberately posing for the camera.
- D) Adopt a dramatic position to attract attention.

2. walk the line

- A) Carefully maintain a balance between two opposing situations.
- B) Avoid taking sides in a sensitive situation.
- C) Deal with a situation cautiously without going too far.
- D) Take a clear position instead of trying to remain between two sides.

3. hang out

- A) Spend relaxed, informal time with other people.
- B) Socialise somewhere without any particular purpose.
- C) Stay somewhere simply because you enjoy the company.
- D) Leave the place instead of staying there to socialise.

4. spin around

- A) Turn quickly to face another direction.
- B) Rotate around a central point.
- C) Remain facing the same direction without turning.
- D) Turn around suddenly after hearing something.

5. pull back

- A) Move forward and become more involved.
- B) Retreat or withdraw from a situation.
- C) Reduce your involvement in something.
- D) Move something from yourself.

6. cruise down

- A) Travel slowly and casually along a road.
- B) Stay where you are instead of travelling along the road.
- C) Drive around without being in much of a hurry.
- D) Move along a particular route at a relaxed pace.

7. be sick of something

- A) Be genuinely enthusiastic about experiencing something again.
- B) Have had enough of something.
- C) Become increasingly irritated by the same thing.
- D) Be extremely tired of experiencing something repeatedly.

8. have the moves

- A) Be able to dance or move your body impressively.
- B) Be awkward and unable to dance well.
- C) Move confidently and rhythmically.
- D) Have particularly good dancing skills.

Speaking

1. When was the last time you struck a pose for a photo? Do you usually know how to pose naturally, or do you feel awkward in front of a camera?
2. Have you ever had to walk the line between being honest with someone and not hurting their feelings? What happened?
3. Who do you usually hang out with in your free time? What do you normally do together?
4. Have you ever spun around and suddenly noticed something or someone you hadn't seen before? Where were you?
5. Have you ever decided to pull back from a friendship or relationship because you felt you were getting too involved?
6. If you could cruise down any street or road in the world right now, where would you go and who would you take with you?
7. What are you sick of at the moment? What has made you feel this way?
8. Do you think you have the moves when it comes to dancing? When was the last time you danced in front of other people?
9. Do you and your friends ever strike a pose when you're hanging out and taking photos? What kind of pictures do you usually take?
10. Have you ever been so sick of a situation that you decided to pull back completely instead of trying to fix it?