



## Ballet Tic Tac Toe

To prepare, you will need a set of index cards and a marker. Use the cards to make one set of 9 cards for each student or team, with one of the following words written on each card: jump, hop, leap, saute (means jump), temps levé, ( a small hop on one foot, with the other foot raised off the floor. jeté, (jumping on one foot at a time), 2 feet, 1 foot, 1 foot to the other.

Introduce the students to the pedestrian actions of jumping (taking off and landing on 2 feet), hopping (taking off and landing on 1 foot), and leaping (taking off on one foot and landing on the other). Have the students practice jumping, hopping, and leaping by playing a movement game like Freeze Dance or Follow the Leader with these actions.

Next, introduce the ballet steps saute, temps levé, and jeté – a stylized jump, hop, and leap, respectively. You can begin with traditional ballet drills, and then use a movement game like Freeze Dance or Follow the Leader to reinforce students, understanding of these actions.

Finally, students are ready for the game – a great way to review what was learned! Place the 9 index cards in a pile on the floor, face down. The winner will be the first student or team to organize their set cards, with jump, saute, and 2 feet in one row, hop, temps levé, and 1 foot in the next, and leap, jeté, and one foot to the other in the third.

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B B X L H K V E A J I Y F B Z  
E A K C K K L W E L W V E T C  
O R L D P E N P Y E S K F M H  
P C M L P R E M C A D H M E T  
A Z G H E U E E X R Q U S N S  
U K A O S R S H Q N K K E O P  
V N D S B Q I L C S W R S I I  
T B A L L E T N E A A O A S N  
E L Y E B Q A S A P E Z J I N  
C A G I R W U D H G O T P V I  
M V S D A R B N D V Z H N E N  
S S O Y E D I E O R P P E L G  
O Y G N I L R I W T E X X E M  
L D A N C E W R I S O A X T K  
G I C A L L E F H O P E M S P

away	ballerina
class	dance
easy	elephant
friends	hope
learns	parent
teacher	television