



## Did you know...

Dancerama School of Dance was started by Ms. Whisker in 2000.

Ms. Whisker's teacher, Madame Pullitof danced with the Riskoff Royal Ballet when she was young.

Taranaki Gate builds fences for a living as his cows are often unco-operative.

Tina Fraction can knit really fast.

Timmie Fritzer used to snore incredibly loudly.

Blondie Hose knows how to count money.

P. Sofalofa can sing.

P. Sofalofa won't tell anyone what the P. stands for.

Jojo's name and Mimo's name rhyme.

Ms. Whisker has 63 pairs of earrings.

Bullita Gate can communicate with cows.

Gumboots come in a range of surprising colours and patterns.

Ms. Whisker knows that in the Spanish language two l's together are pronounced like a "y".

Butterflies don't know what dancing is, they just do it naturally.

In the Mexican Hat Dance the hat itself stays still.

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# Senorita Bullita

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RiiiiING RiiiiING

Good morning. Dancerama School of Dance

How  
can I  
help  
you?



Is this Ms. Whisker?

Yes, this is she.

It's Taranaki Gate calling.  
I'd like to bring  
my daughter  
along for  
dance lessons.

CERTAINLY Mr. Gate.  
There's room  
for her  
in my  
3pm class.  
She can start  
today.

Wonderful!!!

We'll see you at 3pm.

She's going to LOVE this.  
And I've just GOT to get her  
away from those  
crazy cows.

Good  
Good  
GOOD!

The world needs dancing and the more the better!

Bullita sweetie...

I've got a surprise for you.

What is it, Daddy?

DANCE LESSONS!

What do you say to that?



Well...  
dance lessons  
is where you go  
to learn it.

I say...  
hmm...  
is it ballet?  
because...

I don't  
know  
how  
to do  
that.

Then I say...

YES!

That's my girl.

Ms. Whisker says you can start this afternoon.

I'll bring my guitar  
and practice while you

have your lesson.

Let's go then.



I'm  
going  
to be  
good  
at this.

yes  
yes

YES

Good afternoon, class.  
We have a new student today. Her name is  
Bullita Gate.



Yesterday, we learned to dance like cows.  
And today  
we're going to learn to dance like ...



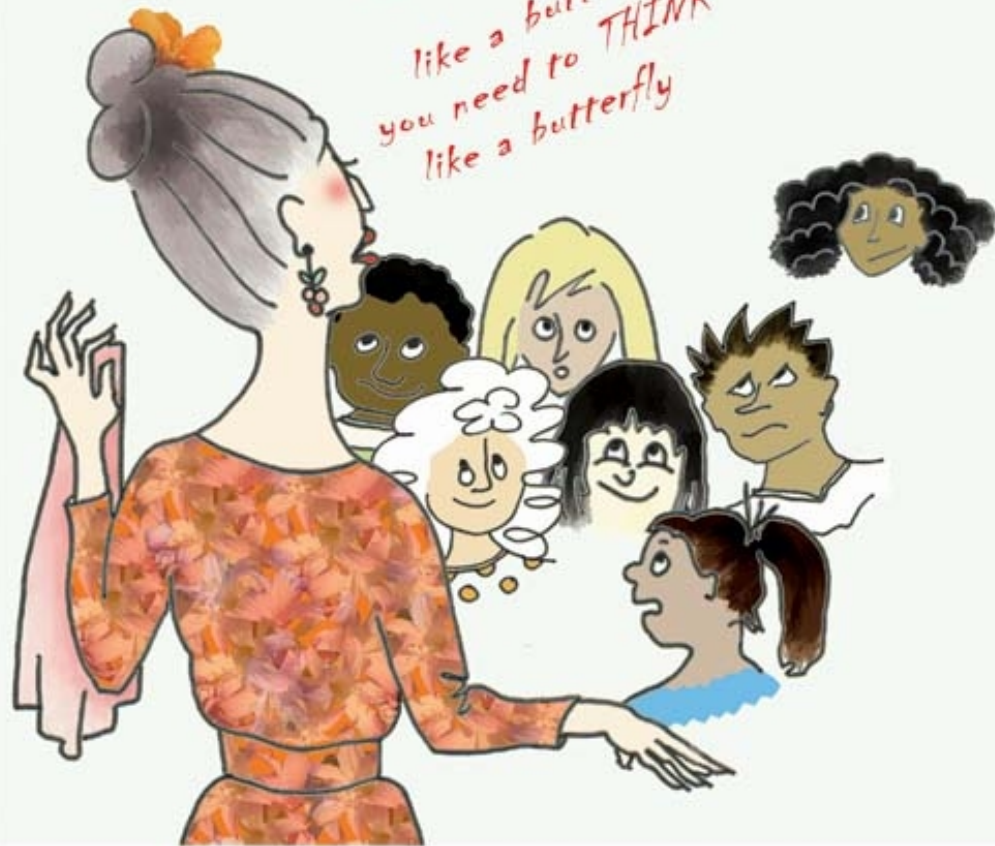
Good, because  
I already know  
cow dancing.

## DO's and DON'Ts of BUTTERFLY DANCING

- DO try it.
- DO keep your wings pointing up at all times.
- DO wear colourful but lightweight clothes and footwear.
- DO maintain a wing's length from other butterfly dancers.
- DO keep your mouth closed.

- DON'T try it if you're tired.
- DON'T drag your wings (they rip easily when hooked on stuff).
- DON'T fly across in front of birds or pets.
- DON'T touch the ground except when you really have to.
- DON'T open your mouth as midges will fly in there.
- DON'T attempt to take off in high winds.





now...i want you to imagine  
you are a butterfly  
thinking butterfly thoughts  
because if you are going  
to DANCE  
like a butterfly  
you need to THINK  
like a butterfly



I'm this **HIGH** and this light.

orange

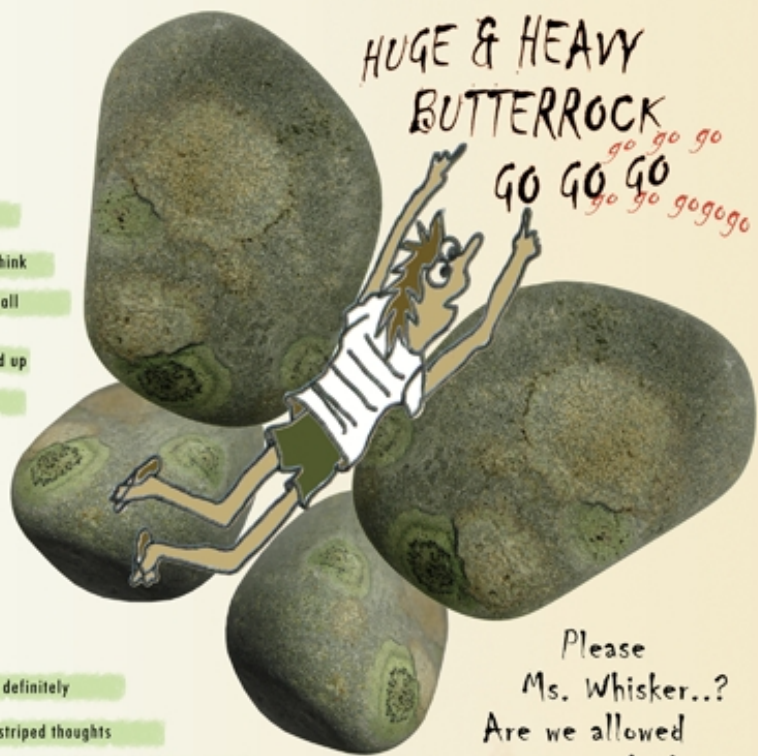
I'm thinking fluttering  
orange thoughts

orange

orange

wildly wild wildly wild  
wildly wild wing flapping flapping  
wildly wild wing flapping flapping





HUGE & HEAVY  
BUTTERROCK  
go go go  
GO GO GO  
go go gogogo

thinking in stripes

is easier than you'd think

possibly because all

the lines are stacked up

yes

these are definitely

striped thoughts

that i am having

in this picture

My butterfly is thinking in stripes

Please  
Ms. Whisker...?  
Are we allowed  
to think  
any colour thinking  
we can  
think  
of?



MARAVILLOSO!

Excellent work.

And Bullita  
is showing  
real creativity.

You can ALL  
be butterflies  
in  
the  
recital.

My butterfly  
thoughts  
are  
and  
RED

glorious!



You'll each  
need to  
make your  
wings  
but that's  
easy.



I'm going to need power wings.  
Maybe high voltage even.



You sure?  
But are there any  
sky outlets?  
My invisable wings'll  
go high because  
they're so light.  
That's scientific.

How exciting!! Scarlet is the reddest kind of red.  
I'm having a very creative idea here.

Alright children,  
this is what we'll do...  
Bullita will be  
in the middle  
and all you other  
butterflies  
will circle  
around her  
with individual  
fluttering.  
Ok?

OH OH...I'm getting  
another idea.

Mr. Gate,  
may we  
borrow  
your  
hat?

Mine'll be...  
yellow.  
No purple.  
No...yellow.  
No...  
CERISE!



Who's Cerise??  
I might  
recycle an old  
airplane.  
Well...  
get the wings  
off it anyway.

I'm having red OK?  
because I'm going to be a  
Mexican Scarlet Princess  
butterfly  
and scarlet  
is  
RED!

Anyone got any  
stripy stuff?

You want my bee  
towel?



I'm just going to have  
to use fruit.  
Peacherines and nectareaches  
...and oranges.





Certainly.

but you have to give it back  
right after the show.  
It's a genuine Spanish sombrero.

How KIND of you, Mr Gate.

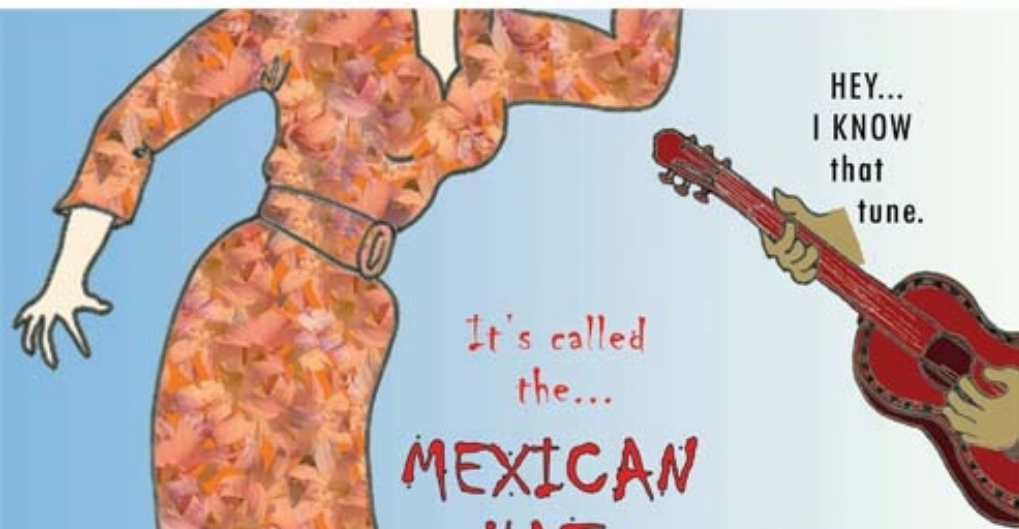
Now...  
watch carefully children.  
On the next page,  
I'm going to show you  
the steps I learned  
from my teacher,  
Madame Pullitoff.

As  
you  
will  
notice,

Wow. Madame Pullitoff!

Well, if she could do it,  
they can do it.

...there are  
no boots  
in this dance.



HEY...  
I KNOW  
that  
tune.

It's called  
the...

**MEXICAN  
HAT  
DANCE!**

They're floating in the air?

If that's true, butterflies will be good in it!

But I ALWAYS  
wear my boots!!!!



Bullita will do the delicate footwork.

[ a big OLÉ arm ]

Let's face it,  
this is the  
perfect dance  
for a  
Mexican  
Scarlet  
Princess.

I'll DO IT!

Yeah,

yeah,

let's

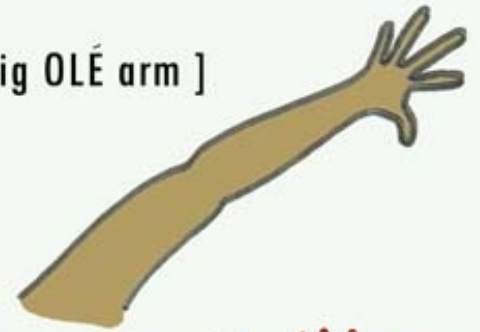
ALL

do

it.



She will skip lightly in and out of the brim as she goes round and round the hat doing the Big OLÉ arms and pue sure



MARAVILLOSO!!

See you  
all  
tonight...  
and  
REMEMBER  
everyone...

BRING  
YOUR  
WINGS.

Good afternoon, children.

Yes, Ms. Whisker.

Good afternoon, Ms. Whisker.



This will definitely  
be better  
backwards.



Hmmm -

maybe I should have gone with  
invisible.



fly fly swat the fly  
fly butter  
butter fly



There are no cerise  
t-towels.  
Now what?



They're fancy...but will they take the torque?

Fruit can be orange which is good but...

roses are red  
butterflies are blue  
so is my top  
and my pants  
are not...



...and that's  
true.



## THINGS TO MAKE WINGS FROM:

- 1 ribbons
- 2 newspaper
- 3 fly swatters
- 4 fake feather dusters
- 5 sticks and string
- 6 bubblewrap
- 7 t- towels
- 8 B-towels
- 9 gumboots
- 10.....
- 11.....
- 12.....
- 13.....
- 14.....

Mr. Gate...would you be willing to play your guitar for the performance?



I was hoping you'd ask me that.

And that hat... it's quite... specTACular!



I was really hoping she'd ask me that and she DID.

Good evening, children.



Good evening Ms. Whisker.

Are you all ready with your wings?

Yes, Ms Whisker.





Good evening, everyone.  
Welcome to our recital.

For your pleasure,  
the children  
will be performing...

...the **MEXICAN HAT DANCE!**



It will be danced by  
butterflies.



The dancers in the  
corps de butterflies are...

...P. Sofalofa,  
Tina, Jojo,  
Mimo,  
Timmie &  
Blondie  
(which is me).



Hey...nice feelers.

Moo



The genuine Spanish sombrero  
in this dance was lent to us  
by Mr Gate.

He is also  
going to play his  
genuine  
Spanish guitar for us to dance to.



And the role of  
Mexican Scarlet Princess  
will be danced by...

**Senorita Bullita**







**BRAVO!**  
This town needs  
a bit of  
couture. *MOOOO!*

**YEAY SIS!**





Except for the song which everyone joins in on  
and which goes like this...

I'm Timmie, I'm P, and I'm Jojo. I'm Blondie, I'm Tina, I'm Mimo.  
And the dance we are doing today is the Mexican Hat Dance, OLE!  
It features a cute senorita with the glamorous name of Bullita  
And butterflies fluttering round a spectacular hat on the ground.  
Mr. Gate is a definite hero for letting us use his sombrero.  
And Ms. Whisker deserves a hooray! It's the Mexican Hat Dance, OLE!  
Senor-senorita, Senor-senorita, dancing round a black sombrero hat.  
(a hat, a hat, a hat)  
Butter-butterflies are taking to the skies and nobody's surprised  
they're doing that. (& that, & that, & that)  
You may think it's a cliché, shouting Bravo & Ole,  
But it's what you're expected to do in ballet. (ballet, ballet, ballet)  
Anytime of the day it's uplifting to say words like  
MARAVILLOSA! BRAVO! & OLE (OLE OLE OLE)

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