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Dictionary of dance terms and dance definitions
We hope you find this dictionary of dance terms and dance definitions highly useful in your quest for Ballroom and Latin dancing information. Terms are sorted alphabetically, making this a handy reference for beginning and advanced dancers alike. Common Abbreviations are listed in their own section.

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[Common Abbreviations](#)

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bachata - Sometimes referred to as the "blues music of the Dominican Republic" this Latin dance was developed there, borrowing from the Cuban bolero.
[See the Bachata Learning Area for more information >>](#)
balance step - A step in any direction, followed by a close (no weight) and a hold.
[See "Basic Steps in Ballroom Dancing" video >>](#)
ball change - A change of weight from the ball of one foot to the flat of the other foot.
[See "Basic Steps in Ballroom Dancing" video >>](#)
ballroom dancing - partner dancing the traditional ballroom dances: waltz, foxtrot, swing, cha cha, etc.

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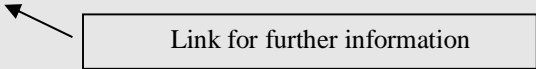
Dancer's Dictionary covers the terms related to dance, particularly ballroom and Latin dances and dance terms. Above mentioned the Dance Store Online Learning Center is divided into separate Learning Areas based on dance type like Night Club Two Step, Texas Two Step, Triple Two Step, Salsa, Mambo Rumba, Samba, Bolero , Cha Cha, Merengue etc.

Kind of Information

Dancer's Dictionary covers the terms related to dancing that provide clear definitions, descriptions or meanings. In many cases definitions are also include links to elsewhere in the site for more detailed information. Sometimes drawing or images are also included. See and See also references also presents with some entries. Some examples are given below for clear understanding.

adage, adagio – slowly developed movements such as attitudes, arabesques, and developpes where only one foot is in contact with the floor.
See ['Definitions of Dance Terms' video >>](#)

allegro – fast movements where only one foot is in contact with the floor. These include kicks and flicks.
See ['Definitions of Dance Terms' video >>](#)



rumba - A slow, sensuous, romantic *Latin dance* which spotlights the lady and features much flirtation.
See [the Rumba Learning Area for more information >>](#)
Also see [our Rumba DVD dance videos >>](#)

attitude - A pose. As with the arabesque, the working leg is raised. But unlike the arabesque, it is bent, not straight, and, also unlike the *arabesque*, it can be done to the front, the side, or the back. In attitude to the front or the back, if the angle is 90 degrees, the calf should be as nearly horizontal as possible.



Common Abbreviations are listed here.

- BLOD** - Backward Line of Dance
- BPM** - Beats per minute

BWD - Backward
CFP - Close Facing Position
DTC - Diagonally To the Center
DTW - Diagonally To the Wall
FWD - Forward
L - Left
LF - Left foot
LOD - Line of Dance

Special Features

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- ❖ A complete catalogue include with this site.
- ❖ User can send feedback or suggestions.
- ❖ Users can purchase products from The Dance Store.

Arrangement Pattern

Alphabetical arrangement of terms is conspicuous by its presence. For example under the alphabet “B” bachata, balance step, ball change, ballroom dancing, bar etc. are arranged in alphabetic order.

Remarks

This dictionary offers free information for dance enthusiasts of all skill levels.

Comparable Tools

- Glossary of Dance Terminology
(<https://www.orthopt.org/downloads/PAGlossary.pdf>)
- The Oxford Dictionary of Dance
(<http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199563449.001.0001/acref-9780199563449>)

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