The Elements of Dance

Movement



*Locomotor: Movement through space from one point to another (walk, run, jump, hop, leap, skip, gallop, slide, roll) *Non-Locomotor: Movement around the body's axis (bend, twist, stretch, push, pull, swing, shake, circle, sway, carve, fall, melt, turn, kick, press, rise, sink, burst, wiggle)

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*Shape: A frozen pose (curves, straight, angular, twisted, narrow, wide, symmetrical, asymmetrical) *Part: Body parts (head, eyes, torso, shoulder, arms, fingers, elbows, hands, hips, legs, knees, feet, ankles, etc)

Space

* <u>Shelf Space</u>: Space immediately around the body
*<u>General Space</u>: Space throughout the room
*<u>Level</u>: High, medium or low
*<u>Direction</u>: Forward, backward, sideways, up, down
*<u>Pathway</u>: Curved, straight, zigzag, diagonal
*<u>Size</u>: Big, small, narrow, wide
*Focus: Direction of gaze

Time

*Tempo: Fast, medium, slow

***<u>Rhythm</u>**: A succession of movement or sounds of various duration.

Energy



***Weight:** Strong (heavy, firm, powerful), light (gentle, soft) ***Flow**: Free (continuous, fluid movement), bound (restrained, controlled)

*Quality: Sharp, sudden, smooth, sustained, tight, loose, suspended, collapsed, heavy, weak, percussive