

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE

Run a Giraffes Can't Dance party in store!

We've come up with some fun ideas to make *Giraffes Can't Dance* parties extra special

- Decorate the store with the paperchains to get everyone in the spirit
 - Share a special story time and read *Giraffes Can't Dance* together
 - Photocopy the sheets from the activity booklet and get the children to complete them during the event
 - Play the *Giraffes Can't Dance* themed games below – these will be extra fun if they're wearing their Gerald masks
 - Hand out stickers as the children leave at the end of your party

GAMES

Who's at the Jungle Dance?

The animals can't wait to show off their moves at the Jungle Dance. Can you guess whose turn it is to dance?

How to play: Do a funny animal impression and ask the children to guess which animal you are being. The first child to guess correctly takes the next turn, and so on.

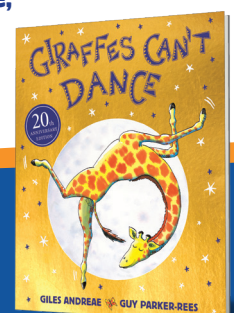
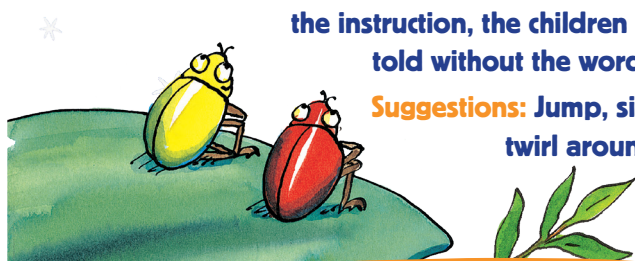
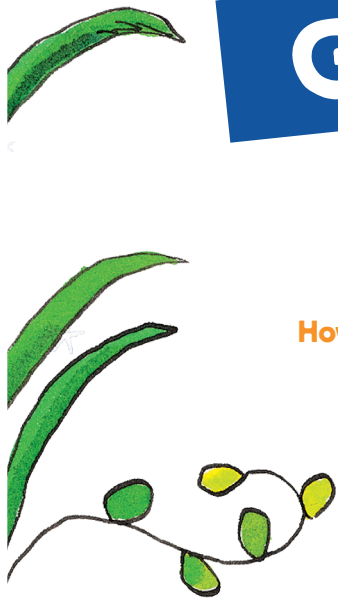
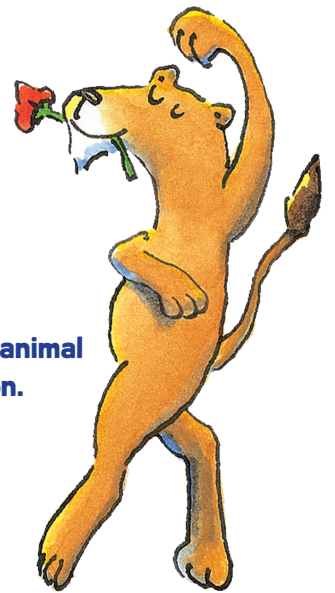
Suggestions: Frog, elephant, monkey, zebra, lion

Gerald Says

Will the children do what Gerald says?

How to play: A variation on the 'Simon Says' game. The supervisor stands in front of the group of children and gives them an instruction. The children must do as they are told, but only if Gerald says "Gerald says..." first. If Gerald doesn't say "Gerald says" before the instruction, the children must not do anything at all. Anyone who does what they are told without the words "Gerald says" is out. The last child left is the winner.

Suggestions: Jump, sit down, clap your hands, touch your toes/knees/nose, twirl around, swap places with the person next to you



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Jungle Dance Moves

Who has got the best memory for moves?

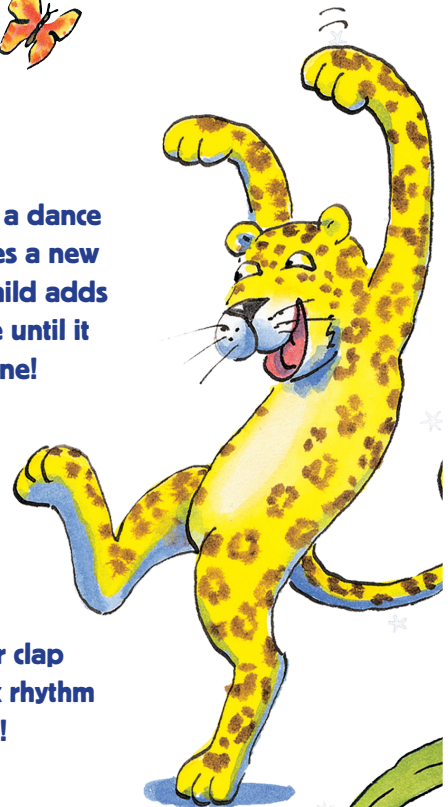
How to play: Get the children to stand in a circle, and ask one to do a dance move, then get everyone else to copy. The next child in the circle does a new dance move and then the first one, and everyone copies. The third child adds their own dance move, then does the second and the first. Continue until it has gone all the way around the circle and you have a full routine!



Jungle Rhythm

Create a fun beat to dance to

How to play: Get the children to take it turn to tap on the floor or clap a rhythm for the rest to copy. Every so often add in a more complex rhythm to encourage them to get even more creative with their beats!

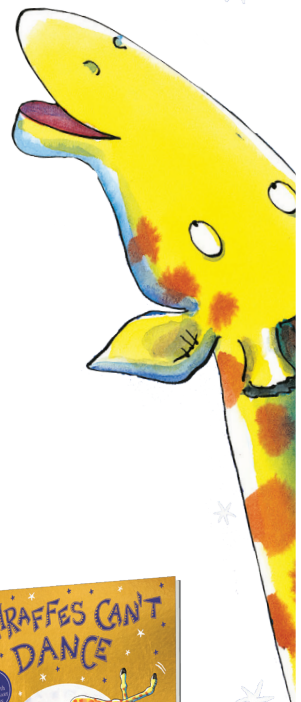


Gerald Whispers

Can the children pass on the Gerald Whisper correctly?

How to play: A variation on the 'Chinese Whispers' game. Sit all the children in a circle and pick one to start the Gerald Whisper. They will whisper to the child next to them until it has gone all the way around the circle. When it has reached the last child, they must say out loud what they heard.

Suggestions: *Giraffes Can't Dance*, Gerald is a giraffe, I am going to the Jungle Dance, Chimps do the cha-cha



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