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# Run a Giraffes Can't

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

- Decorate your space with balloons and 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





### 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







#### **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.

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## **GERALD THE GIRAFFE MASK**

Ask an adult to cut out this mask. Attach the ears and some string to hold the mask on. Once you're wearing your mask, you can try out your best dance moves and see if giraffes can dance after all!



## JUNGLE DANCE WORDSEARCH!

There are twelve words hidden in this wordsearch.

Can you find them all?



Giraffe
Dancing
Gerald
Jungle

Chimps
Tango
Lions
Waltz

Warthog Rhino Baboon Music

Activity based on *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees

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## **EVERYBODY DANCE!**

Draw you and your friends boogieing at the Jungle Dance with all the animals. Will you do a cha-cha or a waltz, or make up your own moves like Gerald?



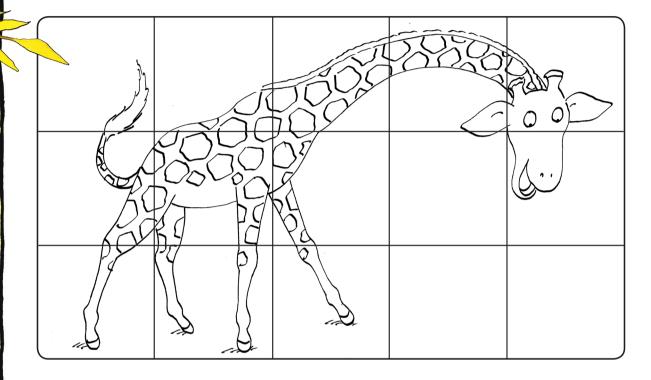
## **DOT-TO-DOT**

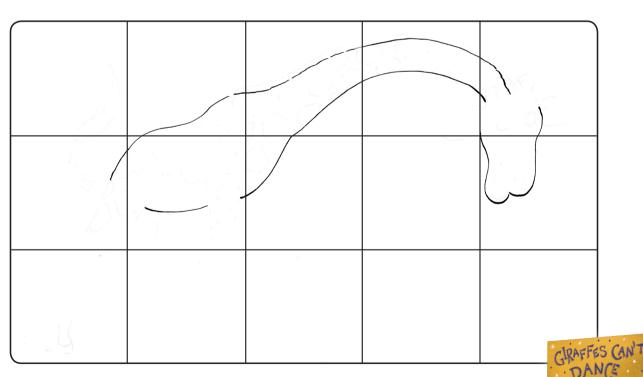
Join the dots to find out who's busy munching on those jungle leaves!

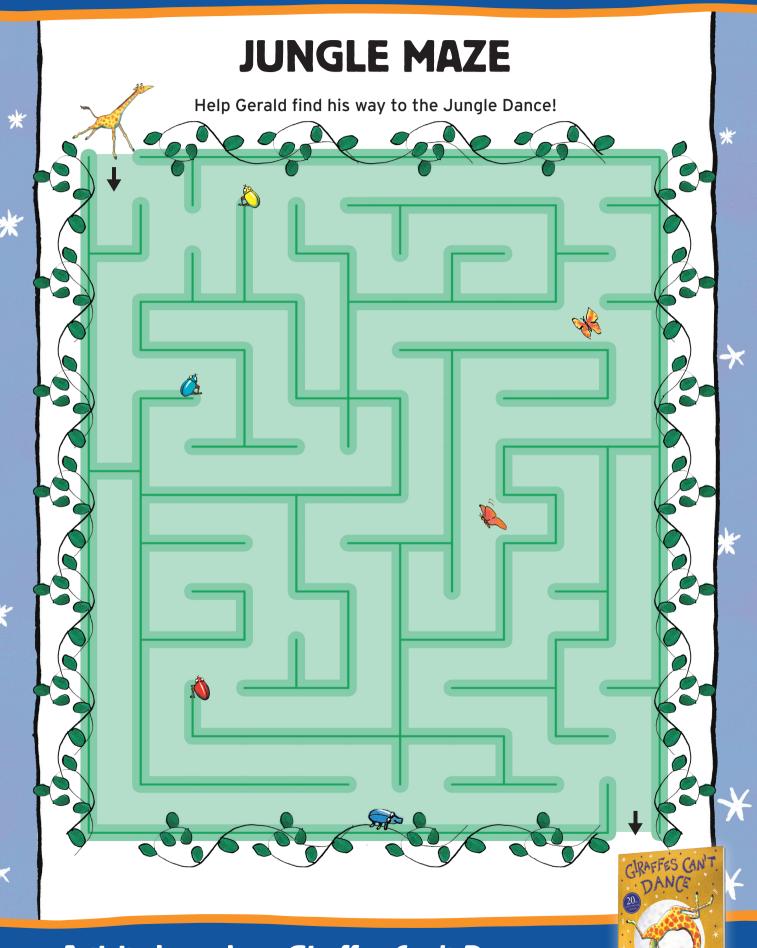


## **SEEING DOUBLE!**

Can you draw Gerald? Use the grid to copy the picture, then colour it in!







# **CRAZY CREATURE CONGA**

Use your brightest colours to bring the Jungle Dance to life.



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