

## Learn the Irish Step Dance via Skype!

Grades 4-6



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Overview	In this activity, students will have the opportunity to use the computer program Skype, to watch professional dancers from Ireland preform the famous Irish Step dance.
Objectives	After this activity, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn the basic steps of the Irish Step Dance</li><li>• Learn about the country of Ireland</li><li>• Learn about the differences between Irish and American culture.</li></ul>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer</li><li>• Skype Account</li><li>• Information about Irish Culture</li></ul>
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The teacher will start the lesson by having information about the country of Ireland and different facts about the culture there. Information can include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Map of Ireland</li><li>• Population and language</li><li>• Food, activities, and dances</li></ul></li><li>2. Once the teacher shows the students where Ireland is located on the map and gives them interesting facts about the country, they will log onto Skype where there will have a “conference call” with professional Step Dancers in Ireland.</li><li>3. On the other end of the call, the dancers will show the students the basic steps of the Irish Step dance. This is a fun activity for the students to learn something about a different culture.</li><li>4. The learning of the dance should take about twenty to thirty minutes of the lesson.</li><li>5. After they have learned the basic steps of the dance, they will return to their seats and work on a worksheet about Ireland.</li></ol>
Grading	The students will be graded on whether they participate in the learning of the Irish Step Dance. Another grade will be given for the answers on the worksheet.