

Combining to Create Compound Sentences (2)

DIRECTIONS Using subordinate clauses, combine each pair of the following sentences into a single complex sentence. Remember that there may be different ways to combine the sentences. Choose the way that seems best.

- Change or delete words as necessary to make smooth combinations.

1. Laos and Cambodia are neighboring countries in Southeast Asia. They share a history of traditional and classical dancing with other countries in the area.

2. Festivals in these countries frequently accompany historical holidays. A holiday's significance is explained through rituals of music and dance.

3. Classical Laotian dances were once performed only for the king and his guests. The dances tell the story of the creation of the ancient kingdom.

4. The message of the dance is often conveyed by subtle facial expressions and delicate hand gestures. The dancers are skilled at pantomime.

5. A troupe of Laotian dancers became established in Nashville, Tennessee. The dancers wanted to preserve their art and perform in the United States.

6. Cambodian dancers have successfully revived traditional Khmer dancing. It had been inactive since the fifteenth century.

7. Roles in Khmer dance include the male, the female, the monkey, and the giant. These roles make a performance typical of Khmer dance.

8. The dance is a combination of graceful hand gestures and body movements. The movements have special meanings.

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Answer Key

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(Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.)

1. Laos and Cambodia are neighboring countries in Southeast Asia that share a history of traditional and classical dancing with other countries in the area.
2. Festivals in these countries frequently accompany historical holidays because a holiday's significance is explained through rituals of music and dance.
3. Classical Laotian dances, which tell the story of the creation of the ancient kingdom, were once performed only for the king and his guests.
4. Because the dancers are skilled at pantomime, the message of the dance is often conveyed by subtle facial expressions and delicate hand gestures.
5. A troupe of Laotian dancers who wanted to preserve their art and perform in the United States became established in Nashville, Tennessee.
6. Cambodian dancers have successfully revived traditional Khmer dancing, which had been inactive since the fifteenth century.
7. What makes a performance typical of Khmer dance are the roles of the male, the female, the monkey, and the giant.
8. The dance is a combination of graceful hand gestures and body movements that have special meanings.