

Deane Dance Center Ballet Terminology

Founding School of the Sacramento Ballet

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| Adage, Adagio..... | at ease or leisure | Emboîté..... | fitted together, "boxed" |
| Air, en l'..... | in the air | Épaulé..... | shouldered |
| Allegro..... | brisk, lively | Failli..... | giving way |
| Arabesque..... | basic pose, taken form moorish ornament | Fermé, Fermée..... | closed |
| Assemblé..... | assembled or joined together | Fondu, Fondue..... | sinking down |
| Attitude..... | basic pose, taken from statue of mercury | Frappé..... | struck |
| Avant, en..... | forward | Glissade..... | glide |
| Balancé..... | rocking step | Grand, Grande..... | big, large |
| Balancoire, en..... | like a seesaw | Jeté..... | thrown |
| Ballon..... | bounce | Ouvert, Ouverte..... | open, opened |
| Ballonné..... | bounced, ball-like | Pas..... | step |
| Ballotté..... | tossed | Pas de basque..... | basque step |
| Brisé..... | broken, beating | Pas de bourrée..... | bourree step |
| Brisé volé..... | flying brisé | Pas de chat..... | cat's step |
| Battement..... | beating | Pas de cheval..... | horse's step |
| Cambré..... | arched | Passé..... | passed |
| Changement..... | change | Piqué..... | pricked, pricking |
| Chaîné Tour..... | chain of turns | Pirouette..... | whirl or spin |
| Chassé..... | chased | Plié..... | bent, bending |
| Cloche, en..... | like a bell | Port de bras..... | carriage of the arms |
| Contretemps..... | counter beating | Promenade, en..... | in a walk |
| Cou-de-pied..... | neck of the foot | Relevé..... | raised |
| Coupé..... | cut, cutting | Retiré..... | withdrawn |
| Croisé..... | crossed | Reverence..... | reverence, curtsy |
| Croix, en..... | in the shape of a cross | Rond de jambe..... | round of the leg |
| Deboulé..... | rollings like a ball | Sauté..... | jumped, jumping |
| Dedans, en..... | inward | Sissone..... | named for originator of step |
| Dégagé..... | disengaged | Soubresaut..... | sudden spring or bound |
| Dehors, en..... | outward | Sous-sus..... | under-over |
| Demi-position..... | half position | Soutenu..... | sustained |
| Derrière..... | behind, back | Temps..... | time, step, movement |
| Detourné..... | turned aside | Temps levé..... | time raised, raising movement |
| Devant..... | in front | Temps lié..... | connected movement |
| Développé..... | developed | Tendu, Tendue..... | stretched |
| Ecarté..... | separated, thrown wide apart | Terre, á..... | on the ground |
| Échappé..... | escaping or slipping movement | Temps de cuisse..... | thigh movement |
| Effacé..... | shaded | Tombé..... | falling down |