

Dance Directions Printable Cue Cards



Tap Edition

"A picture speaks a thousand words" -- but in this case, a picture can save you a thousand extra words and also help you reach different kinds of learners! These printable cue cards are easy to assemble and can be used with all levels of your tap students. See the next page for suggestions!



Just print the pages, cut them out, and attach the pairs back-to-back, with a popsicle stick as a handle. Some of the cue cards are stand-alone, without a pair. (Laminate for durability, or print on heavy cardstock). Check out the many ways to use them, on the next page!

Ways to Use the Dance Directions Cue Cards

Stop/Go Traveling Game

Have your dancers practice a traveling step across the floor. Just like the game Red Light Green Light, hold up the STOP sign and say "stop" when they should balance in place, and flip to the green GO sign and say "go" when they should move!

Or, print out extra Stop and Go signs to set up a traveling pathway on your floor. The dancers can start the step or combo at the green GO sign, travel all the way to STOP, and balance for 8 counts before starting again!

Shhh Emoji/Boombox -- Loud & Quiet Game

These cue cards are perfect for tap class! You can use them with your young dancers as they experiment with making any tap step loud or quiet. When they see the Quiet Emoji, they should make their taps as quiet as possible; when they see you hold up the loud boombox, they should turn up the volume of their taps!

For your older tap dancers, hold up the cue cards to help cue them as to when to use shading and dynamics in their tap choreography. You can also use them when they are learning to accent a specific part of a step.

Popsicle Freeze/Disco Ball Dance -- Classic Freeze Dance

These two cue cards can be used during a classic game of freeze dance! The best part is that for your visual learners, when they see the picture change, it will help them remember to freeze or dance, along with the music. Freeze for the POPSICLE and dance on the DISCO BALL!

Shhhh Sign

Kids can be chatty.....and tapping feet can be loud! The Shhhh sign will be your go-to this season to kindly remind your dancers that you are waiting for them to stay quiet, to be able to hear your next directions.

More Ways to Use the Dance Directions Cue Cards

Magic Tap Shoes -- Greetings & Taking Turns

Sprinkle a little magic on to your dancers when they enter your class, by lightly tapping their shoulder or the top of their head with the magic tap shoe . Poof! They are ready to dance! You could also use this cue card to tap the next person when it is their turn to go across the floor, or to show you their favorite moves.

Parts of Your Tap Shoe

Use these to help your tap students identify and use the different parts of their shoe, as a visual aid and reminder before you begin a specific exercise or new skill.

You could also use them for guided improvisation! For example, you could ask the dancers to make any rhythms or steps that they want, but when you hold a Shoe Card, they must dance ONLY with that part (or for older students, they must dance while primarily accenting that part of their shoe).

These cue cards, paired with the A Little Bit Of Tap Dance Magic Lesson Plans for ages 3-5 and 5-7 will set your tap students up for success -- and leave you feeling cool, calm, and accomplished -- as they navigate the fun, full-bodied learning that tap class provides.

Choose individual themed lesson plans OR become a Tap Teacher Member for the best value (and additional resources too)! Click the picture below for details!





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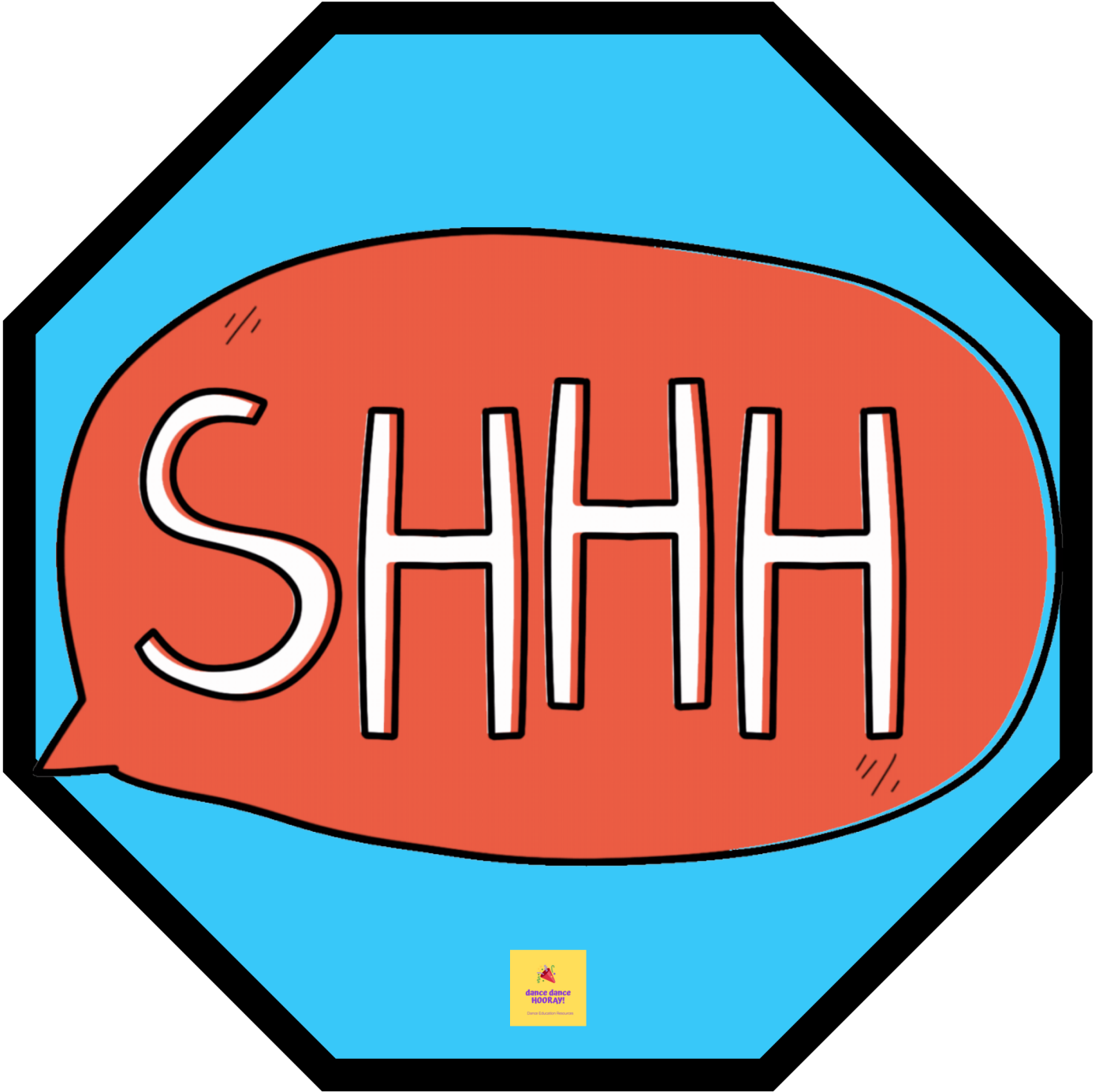
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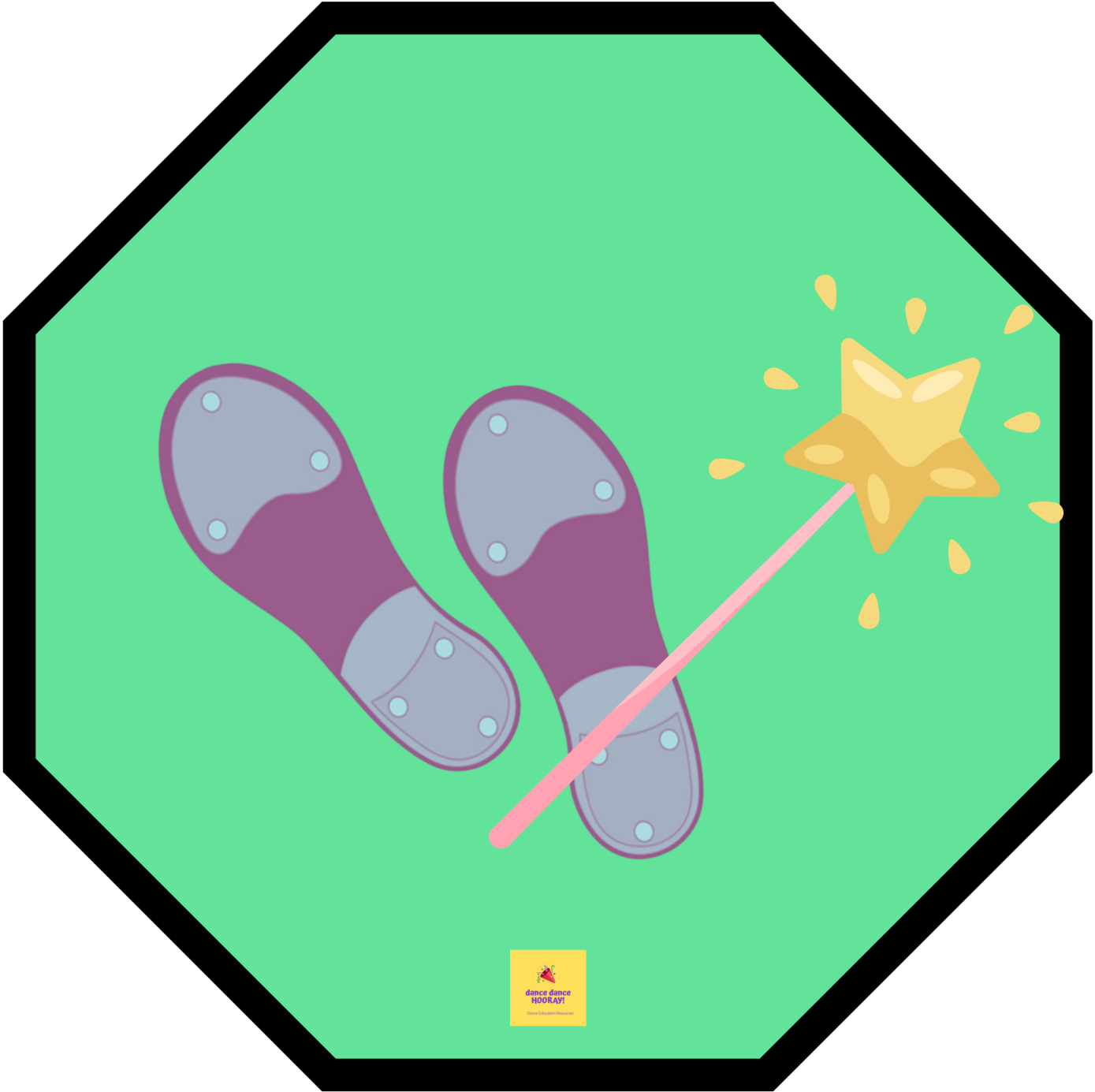




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