

Art Card

**COLLECT
THEM ALL!**

FIND *Dance (I)*, by Henri Matisse, in the fifth-floor Painting and Sculpture Galleries.



LOOK closely at the painting.

Artists often use gesture, pose, and body movement in their works in order to communicate a feeling.

CHOOSE words that describe the dancers and how they are moving.

jumping happy fast
twisting falling stretching
tired floating excited

KNOW THIS! Matisse once said that dance is “life and rhythm.” In this painting, he wanted to express the joy of dancing through the figures’ poses.

TRY THIS! Pick one of the words below and strike a pose that represents it. Have a partner guess which word you chose.

Remember to be careful of the other visitors and the artworks!

peaceful

curious

embarrassed

angry

surprised

bored

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Henri Matisse (French, 1869–1954). *Dance (I)*. Paris, Boulevard des Invalides, early 1909. Oil on canvas, 8' 6 1/2" x 12' 9 1/2" (259.7 x 390.1 cm). Gift of Nelson A. Rockefeller in honor of Alfred H. Barr, Jr. © 2012 Succession H. Matisse, Paris/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York