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GCSE Dance: revision notes

Features of production

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The features of production

- Staging and set: the performance space and any scenery, which can show a location or create an abstract world.
- Lighting: colour, intensity, direction and changes (fades and blackouts) create mood and focus.
- **Properties** (props): objects used in the dance.
- Costume: including footwear, masks, make-up and accessories; it can show character, allow movement and add to the mood.
- Dancers: the number and gender of dancers.
- **Dance for camera**: dances made to be filmed, using camera angles, editing and locations.

Aural setting

- The **aural setting** is the sound accompaniment: song, instrumental, orchestral, spoken word, silence, natural sound, **found sound** or **body percussion**.
- The relationship between music and dance can be direct (matching), **mutual coexistence** (existing side by side), or contrasting.

Writing about production features

- Describe the feature precisely, explain how it supports the choreographic intention, and link it to specific moments.

Key terms

Aural setting	The sound that accompanies a dance.
Properties	Objects used in a dance (props).
Dance for camera	Dance created to be filmed.
Body percussion	Sounds made with the body, such as clapping.

Found sound	Everyday sounds used as accompaniment.
Mutual coexistence	When music and dance exist side by side without directly matching.

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Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. What is the aural setting?
2. What are properties in dance?
3. What is dance for camera?
4. What is body percussion?
5. How can lighting support a dance?
6. What is found sound?
7. What does costume need to allow?
8. What is mutual coexistence?

Answers

1. The sound that accompanies a dance
2. Objects used in a dance
3. Dance created to be filmed
4. Sounds made with the body, such as clapping
5. By creating mood and focus
6. Everyday sounds used as accompaniment
7. Movement
8. Music and dance existing side by side without directly matching

What to do next

Practise 10 questions on this topic

Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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