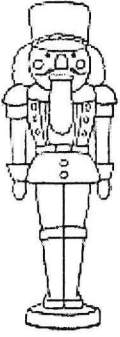What is a ballet? _____

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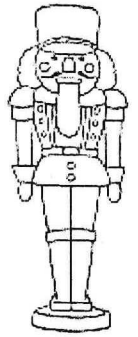
A ballet has no _____. Instead, a ballet uses

_____ and _____

to tell the story.

The Nutcracker

Act I

The Nutcracker story takes place on _____

_____. At the beginning of the story, a sister and brother,

named _____ and _____ are

excited to see their Christmas tree and are waiting for their guests

to arrive. One guest, _____ _____

brought some very interesting toys. His gift to Marie was a

_____. Fritz was jealous of

Marie's new gift, so he _____ _____.

When Marie wandered downstairs later that evening, the Christmas

tree began to _____. Marie seemed as small

as the _____. Suddenly, she was

surrounded by giant _____. The _____

and the _____ came to Marie's rescue.

The mouse king captured the Nutcracker's sword, so Marie threw

her _____ to protect the Nutcracker. The mice

disappeared, and the Nutcracker turned into a handsome

_____. He took her to his kingdom, the Land of

_____.

How do you think the ballet will sound when the Nutcracker is battling the mice?

_____

_____

How do you think the ballet will sound when the Nutcracker Prince takes Marie to the Land of Sweets?

_____

_____

_____ **is how fast or slow the heartbeat of the song moves**.

What do you think the tempo will be when the Nutcracker is battling the mice?

_____

What do you think the tempo will be when the Nutcracker Prince takes Marie to the Land of Sweets?

_____

The Nutcracker

Act II

When Marie and the Nutcracker Prince arrived in the Land of
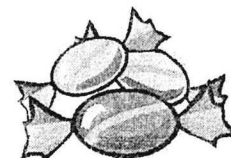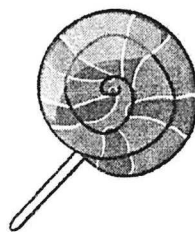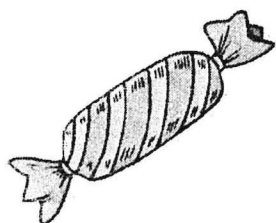
Sweets, they were greeted by the _____ _____

_____. The prince took Marie to the royal

banquet. Marie and the prince watched as all the prince's subjects

performed a _____. Marie enjoyed the dances so

much that she wanted to stay in the Land of Sweets forever.

When music has greater volume, it is _____.

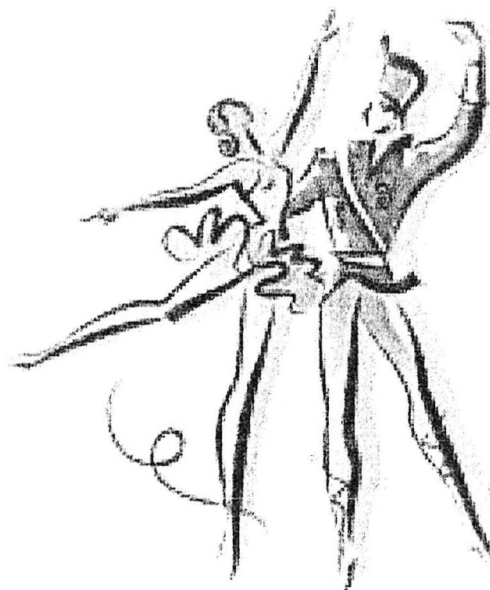When music has less volume, it is _____.

The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy sounds _____.

The Candy Cane dance sounds _____.

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The Dance of the Reed Pipes sounds _____.

The Final Waltz sounds

_____.

At last Marie and the Nutcracker Prince stepped back into the

_____ and everyone from the Land of

Sweets waved _____ until

they were out of sight. Suddenly Marie was in her own _____

again. She knew someday she would once again return to the

_____ _____ _____. There,

wonderful things await for all those who have eyes to see them.

The End