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Level 20

Running Words 528 **Text Type** Description (Informative)

Curriculum Areas The Arts; Intercultural Understanding

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the description in his or her own words. Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 What is flamenco?
2 Where did flamenco begin?
3 Who can dance flamenco?

Inferential

4 Why is flamenco music exciting?
5 Why do guitar players tap their fingers on the guitar?
6 Why do dancers have to be very fit?
7 Why do dancers wear beautiful costumes at spring fairs?
8 Why do dancers sometimes play castanets?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why are there flamenco shows all over the world?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 20	Card	Procedure	*How to Make and Play Castanets*
Level 19	Book	Description	*Blue Lake*
Level 19	Card	Description	*The Vanilla Festival*

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Music and Dance from Spain

Flamenco is a special kind of music and dance, from Spain.
The music is played on a **guitar**.
Singers and dancers join in.
They often clap their hands in time to the music.

Flamenco music and dance can be done by one or two people, or by large groups.





Flamenco Long Ago

Flamenco music and dance is very old.
It began in small towns and villages.
People sang songs and clapped their hands.
They danced to the songs.
At first, flamenco had no guitar music.

Soon, people all around the world
learned flamenco music and dance.



This painting shows people dancing flamenco long ago, in Spain.



Flamenco Music and Dance

Flamenco music is good to listen to.
Sometimes, flamenco music is soft and slow.
Then, it may become louder and faster.
The music sounds very exciting!

There are lots of flamenco songs.
Singers sing about happy times.
They sing about sad times, too.



