

# Flamenco music & dancing



# Lesson 3

WALT: Understand the link between flamenco music and flamenco dance

Can you remember what the key elements of flamenco music are?



*Agua!*

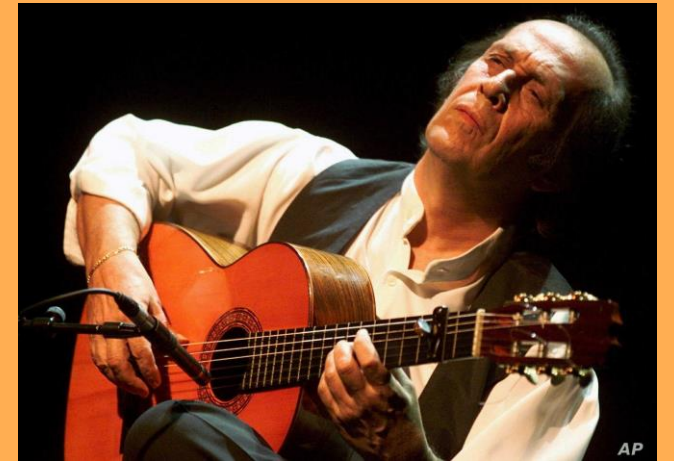


*¡Que guapa!*



*Así se baila!*

*Ole!*



# Key elements of flamenco music:



**Cante** (voice)

**Toque**  
(playing guitar)



**Baile** (dance)

**Palmas and jaleos**  
(hand-clapping and  
shouts for  
encouragement)



Today's lesson we are focusing on the link  
between the music and the dance. This is called  
the **baile**

Did you like the  
baile?

From listening and watching flamenco music and dance over the last couple of weeks, what do you notice about the dancing?

Flamenco is danced by a man and a woman in traditional Spanish costumes. The dance has no set tempo. It may have both **fast and slow passages**, rising to a climax near the end.

The baile (dance) works hand-in-hand with the cante (sing) to **tell a story.**

The baile itself is often highly stylized, **expressing emotion** through a series of intricate arm and body movements.





Male flamenco dancers usually perform intricate footwork (sometimes with their heels)



Female flamenco dancers (called *flamencas*) focus more on the movement of the arms, hands, and fingers.



Both male and female flamenco dancers wear elaborate costumes, with bold colors and intricate ruffles. The costumes are so important because they help to convey the passion and movement of the dance.

## Male dancers

straw or  
black hat

Shirt with  
ruffles



short  
jacket or  
vest

black, tight-fitting pants



**palillos** –  
castanets played  
with thumb and  
fingers

## Female dancers

**Bata de Cola**  
– dress with  
ruffles

Shoes with nails  
in the bottom



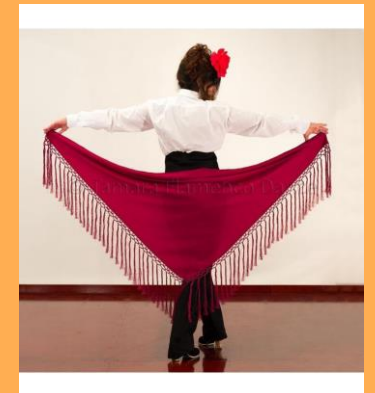
Fan

Flowers in hair

Shawl



Earrings



Have a go at learning a flamenco dance and think about all the elements of the dance.  
You need sharp, emotional movements using clapping, shouting and foot stomping.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQj6SLN1oGk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQj6SLN1oGk)