

MOVEMENT EXPLORATION



SPORTAUS



Musical statues

Players dance freely around the room. When the music stops, players must freeze and form a statue.

What you need

> Music player and music

What to do

- The music starts and players dance freely around the room.
- > When the music stops, players must freeze and form a statue (e.g. tree, stork, airplane).
- Players discuss different statues and choose a favourite one. All students perform the statue that was chosen as the favourite.
- Players repeat and copy a statue from another player in the room the next time the music stops.

Change it

- Encourage players to hold the body position for different lengths of time.
- Slow down the pace of the music to allow greater body control when forming statues.

- > Players form groups of three and form a statue together.
- Incorporate statues which require increased flexibility, balance or strength. Ask students to hold these for 10-20 seconds.
- 'Blast off!' have students start in a freeze hold. Teacher counts down 10-9-8... etc. On zero, teacher calls BLAST OFF! and students run in different directions until the stop signal is given.

Safety

> Check there is enough space between players.

Ask the players

- > What are the different ways you can dance around the room?
- > How can you make interesting statues?
- > How can you use different body parts to make different shapes and statues?
- > How can you make sure that you are able to hold your position of the statue once the music stops?

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LITERACY

STABILITY/BALANCE

LEARNING INTENTION

Musical statues is an energiser that develops balance skills whilst students respond to a musical stimulus.