

2b What's in the news?



1. Reading news stories in class
2. Have I got news for you?
3. What happens next?
4. Strange news stories
5. Students research and present their own news story each week
6. Debates



The Ikorodu Talented Kids are a group of children from Nigeria hoping to take the world by storm one dance routine at a time.

Living in the slums of Ikorodu, Lagos, the dance troupe was created in 2014 to get kids from poor homes off the streets.

Seyi Oluyole is the 26-year-old responsible for turning their streets into a dance studio.

She's the founder of The Dream Catchers, an organisation which gives these children a home while teaching them to dance.

The nine children in the group range from age six to 15-years-old and up until a few days ago, most of them hadn't heard of Rihanna but recently, videos of them dancing on social media caught the attention of celebrities like Rihanna, Naomi Campbell and Diddy.



Rihanna shared a video of the kids with her 60 million Instagram followers and soon other celebrities followed suit. "Most of the kids did not really know them [the celebrities]," says Seyi.

"The whole idea that the person who saw the video is a celebrity in another country is what they loved the most.

"People have told us we are wasting our time. People have told the children they could never make it."

But it's not just fame they're hoping for.

Seyi uses dance to encourage the children to do well in school. "They love to dance so much, but if they aren't keeping up with their school work we won't rehearse," she insists.

"The kids hope to become great individuals. To change the world through dance and be on stages like the Grammys, BET and MTV," she says.

1 Where do the Ikorodu Kids they come from?

2 What talent do they have?

3 When did they get together as a group?

4 What is the Dream Catchers?

5 Who started it and why?

6 How many children in the group and how old are they?

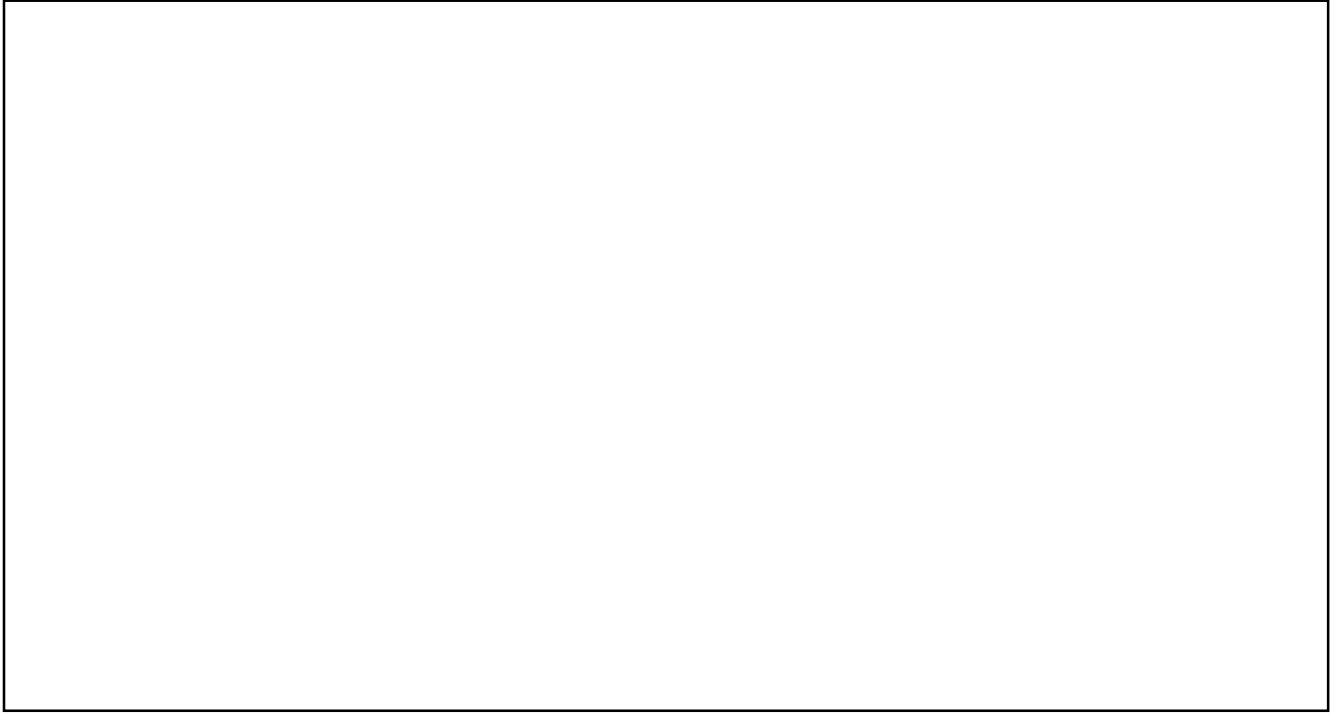
7 How did Rhianna hear of them?

8 How has Rhianna helped them?

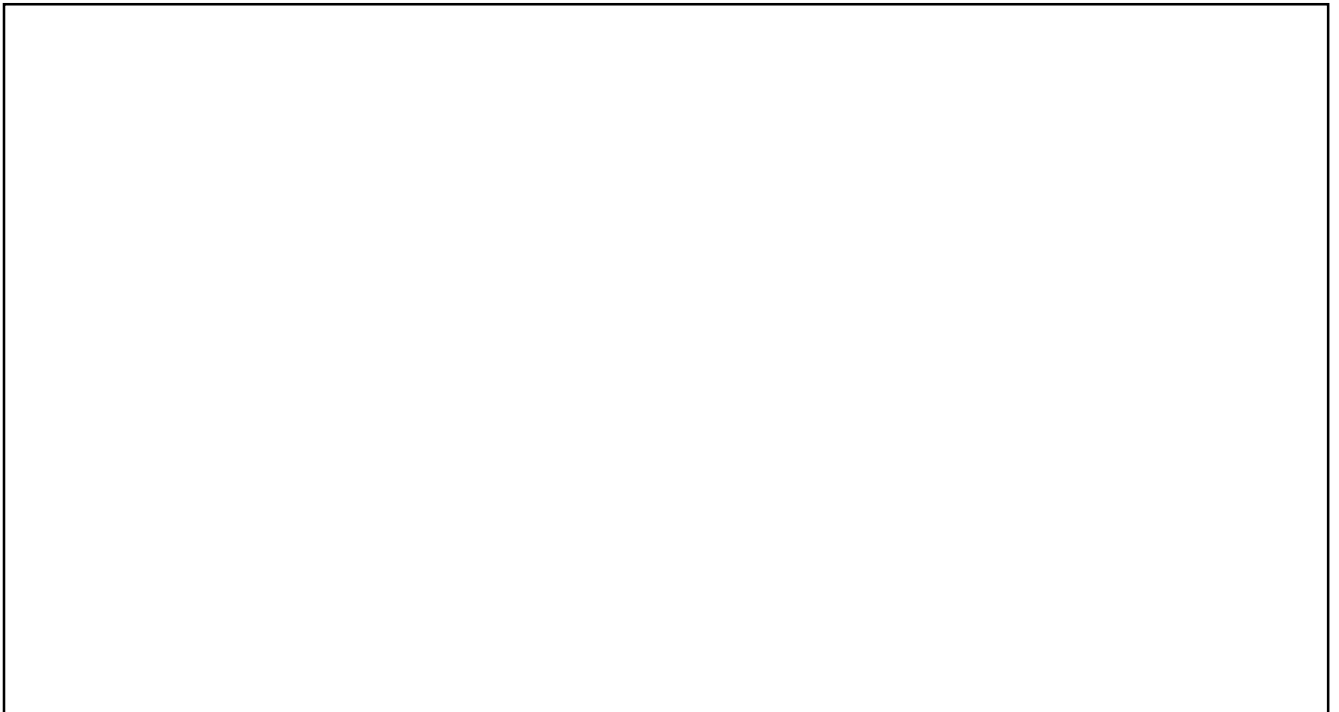
9 How is the dance supporting their academic achievement?

What happens next?

Dream Date

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Food of the future

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http://www.onestopenglish.com/teenagers/spot-on-news-lessons-for-teens/one-school-71-languages/	Ready-made lessons on news stories
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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=strange+stranger+strangest+news+round	To get the Strange, Stranger, Strangest stories on Newsround
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