

VOCABULARY

a la quatrieme.....to the fourth position
 a la seconde.....to the second position
 a terre.....on the ground
 adagio.....slow
 allegro.....fast
 allongé.....elongated
 arabesque.....pose
 assemblé.....assemble
 attitude.....pose
 baisé.....lower
 balancé.....rocking step
 balançoire.....see saw
 ballonné.....bounced
 ballotté.....tossed
 battement.....kick
 battu.....beat
 bourré.....little steps
 bras.....arms
 brisé.....broken
 cabriole.....capered
 cambré.....arch
 chaînés.....chain step
 changement.....change
 chassé.....chase
 cinque.....five
 contretemps.....counter-time
 corps.....body
 cou de pied.....neck of the foot
 coupé.....cut
 couru.....run
 croisé.....crossed
 de coté.....sideways
 degagé.....disengaged
 demi.....half/small
 demi hauteur.....half high
 derriere.....back
 dessous.....under
 dessus.....over
 detourné.....turn around
 devant.....front
 developpé.....develope
 écarté.....thrown apart
 échappé.....escape
 effacé.....facing
 elancé.....dart
 élevé.....lifted (straight knees)

emboité.....box-like
 en arriere.....backward
 en avant.....forward
 en bas.....low
 en cloche.....clock like
 en croix.....in the shape of a cross
 en dedans.....inward
 en dehors.....outward turn
 en facé.....facing (front)
 en haut.....height
 en l'air.....in the air
 entrechat.....interweaving
 enveloppé.....envelope
 epaulé.....shouldered
 epoulement.....shoouldering
 failli.....giving way
 fermé.....closed
 fondue.....melt
 fouetté.....whip
 frappé.....strike
 gargouillade.....gurgling
 glissade.....glide
 grande.....big
 hauteur.....height
 jambe.....leg
 jeté.....throw
 ouvert.....open
 pas de basque.....step of the Basque
 pas de bourré.....step of little steps
 pas de chat.....step of the cat
 pas de cheval.....step of the horse
 pas de deux.....step of two
 passé.....pass
 penché.....leaning, inclining
 petit.....little
 pied.....foot
 piqué.....prick
 pirouette.....spin
 plié.....bend
 port de bras.....movement of the arms
 port de corps.....movement of the body
 posé.....pose
 quatre.....four
 relevé.....rise (from plie)
 renversé.....reversed
 retiré.....retire

rond de cuisse.....circle of the thigh
 rond de jambe.....circle of the leg
 royal.....royal
 saut de basque.....jump of the basque
 saut de chat.....jump of the cat
 sauté.....jump
 serré.....continuous
 Sissone.....name of the originator
 soubresaut.....spring
 sous-sus.....under-over
 soutenu.....sustained
 temps de cuisse.....time of the thigh
 temps de fleche.....time of the arrow
 temps levé.....time lifted
 temps lié.....time connected
 tendue.....stretch
 tombé.....fall
 tour.....turn in the air
 tour jeté.....turn throw
 trois.....three
 volé.....flown, flying

- There are 5 positions of the feet and arms
 - 5 positions of the head: erect, inclined, turned, raised, lowered
 - Ten positions of the body: croisé, effacé, écarté, a la quatrieme (all devant and derriere), epaulé, a la seconde
 - 8 stage directions (corners)
 - 5 arabesques in the Cecchetti method, 4 in the Russian School, 2 in the French School
 - 7 movements in dance: plier, sauter, relever, elancer, tourner, entendre, glisser
- Ballerina.....female dancer
 Prima ballerina.....outstanding female soloist
 Cavalier.....ballerina's partner
 Choreographer.....one who invents ballets
 Danseur.....male dancer
 Danseuse.....female dancer
 Divertissement.....diversion (variation)

