



1. Tap dancing started in America. It began as folk dancing that had much kicking and stamping. Over time two kinds of dancing developed. In one kind the dancers wore hard shoes and danced very fast. In the other they wore soft shoes and danced slowly and easily. Tap dancing wasn't really any *tap* in tap dancing until 1925. That's when someone put metal pieces on the toes and heels of tap shoes.

2. Probably the best-known rodeo cowboy in the world is Larry Mahan. Mahan was the national champion six times before he was thirty. He was good at every event and was so successful that he had his own plane. When he got too old to be in the rodeo, he didn't stop. He started a rodeo school.

3. It takes more than food to make babies grow up to be healthy and happy. If babies are not patted and hugged, they grow more slowly and are less healthy. Also they will not be as smart or as happy when they become adults. Many studies show that love is the most important thing in children's lives.

4. Trousers are a recent style in the history of fashion. Men wore breeches under short, loose pants until the early 1800s when the first real pants for men appeared. Until the 1940s few women wore long pants. During World War II, women factory workers started wearing long pants. The fashion caught on.

5. When you take a multiple-choice test, do you ever change your answers? Some scientists think that it is a smart thing to do. They found out that most students who change their answers make the right decision and make better scores on their tests.

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1. The story mainly tells  
A. how there are two kinds of tap dancing  
B. how tap shoes are made  
C. where some folk dances came from  
D. how tap dancing developed

2. The story mainly tells  
A. where to ride bulls and rope calves  
B. about the most famous rodeo cowboy in the world  
C. how to get rich in the rodeo  
D. where to go to rodeo school

3. The story mainly tells  
A. why good food is important to babies  
B. what makes babies grow up  
C. that children need love to grow up healthy  
D. how to have smart children

4. The story mainly tells  
A. that long pants are a somewhat new fashion  
B. when men stopped wearing pantaloons  
C. who wore tights  
D. why women don't wear trousers

5. The story mainly tells  
A. how to study for tests  
B. what scientists think about answers  
C. how to score better on a multiple-choice test  
D. which answers to change on tests