

Detectives

CLASS AGE: Years 4,5,6 (can be adjusted for younger children)	DURATION: 30+ minutes	OPTIONAL MUSIC: We are Detectives by Fun Boy 3
FACILITY: Hall/Outdoors	ACTIVITY TYPE: Fun dance activity	

AIMS

- Introducing dance, drama and movement skills
- Creating and developing different movement skills to a specific theme
- Learning, repeating and remembering a set phrase within a routine

Main activity

Begin by discussing detectives and secret agents.

- What do detectives do?
- How do they move?
- What equipment would they use?

Use the following keywords during the discussion: **Sneaking**, **Following** clues/people, **Hiding**, **Creeping**, **Peering** and **Lurking**.

Using these keywords create basic movement structures for **Hiding** behind a lamp post, **Sneaking** along a corridor, **Peering** around a corner, **Following** someone without them knowing, **Lurking** in an alleyway and **Creeping** up behind someone.

- Once the pupils have a bank of movements and have observed all the dance actions and can remember them, ask them to choose 4 different actions and start to link them into 8 count blocks.

Teach a set phrase to the entire class, which then acts as a phrase that you can all do together.

Phrase example:

Creep forwards 8 counts, hold in a **Hiding** position for 8 counts, **Creep** backwards for 8 counts, **Turn** in a slow circle for 8 counts holding a magnifying glass.

- Ask the children to repeat & rehearse these actions. You can then ask them to add another block of movements (4 actions, 8 counts each) or learn someone else block and combine it with their own.

Phrase example:

Look slowly to the right for 8 counts, **Drop** to the floor for 8 counts, **Creep** forwards for 8 counts and **Stand** up and **Hold** a pose for 8 counts

- Teach your pupils a starting and ending position for the dance, or allow them to choreograph their own. This could be done as individual poses or as a group pose.

This lesson plan could be developed over several weeks by adding more phrases.