Dancer's Toolbox: The Elements of Dance

SPACE				TIME	ACTION	ENERGY	EMOTIONS
SHAPES The design of the body as it exists in space.	LEVELS The distance from the floor.	DIRECTIONS Which way a dancer faces or moves.	PATHWAYS Patterns that the body makes as it moves through space or on the floor.	The way a dancer feels, hears, moves and counts music and/or movement phrase(s).	The way a dancer can move the body.	The manner in which a movement is performed.	The feeling a dancer shows with the body and facial expressions.
Size: Small-Large Narrow-Wide Tight-Full Lines: Curved-Straight Circular-Angular Body Shapes: >Rounded >Expanded >Circular >Stretched >Twisted >Circular >Angular	□High □Medium □Low	Stage Directions: 1) Downstage 2) Upstage 3) Stage Right 4) Stage Left 5) Downstage Right Diagonal 6) Downstage Left Diagonal 7) Upstage Right Diagonal 8) Upstage Left Diagonal 9) Center Directions: >Forward >Backward >Sideways >Diagonal >Up >Down	□Straight □Wavy □Zig Zag □Squiggly □Spiral □Figure 8	Tempo: The speed of the movement Beat: The underlying pulse of the music Rhythm: The patter of the beats or sounds Accent: The emphasis in the movement	Non-Locomotor: >Stretch >Pull >Swing >Bend >Push >Twist >Reach >Contract Locomotor: >Walk >Run >Hop >Skip >Leap >Roll >Crawl >Slide	Fluidity/Flow: Bound-Free Restrained-Fluid Weight: Heavy-Light Powerful-Gentle Attack: Sharp-Smooth Tight-Loose Quality: >Percussive >Explode >Sustained >Collapse >Melt >Shake	Happy: >Delighted >Excited >Terrific >Thankful >Confident >Loved >Proud Sad: >Ashamed >Awful >Disappointed >Hurt >Lonely >Miserable Angry: >Annoyed >Disgusted >Frustrated >Mad >Furious Others: >Afraid >Confused >Embarrassed >Worried