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# Diary of a Dancer

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**A**licia carried the box to the attic and placed it next to all the other moving boxes. She couldn't believe how much stuff her grandparents had accumulated over the years. And they insisted on bringing it all to their new house.

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Alicia walked to the window and peered down at the street below. The town was very quiet. Alicia's grandparents had a pool at their last house. This house was much smaller and the yard couldn't fit a pool. But the attic was interesting. It was a full room with a low ceiling. Alicia figured she could ask her grandparents if she could put a chair up here and maybe a table,

Grandma Maggie asked.

Alicia held up the diary. "I found this diary on top of the trunk. I think it belonged to the girl who used to live here."

Grandma Maggie shook her head. "No, sweetie. That's my old diary, from when I was about your



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through the pages.

"A diary!" Alicia said. She sat down and started to read. The girl in the diary was amazing. She was a dancer. Alicia had always wanted to take dance classes, but she wasn't the most graceful person. She worried she'd embarrass herself.

Alicia read the diary for a long time, until her grandmother walked into the attic room.

"What do you have there?"

Alicia smiled. "I wish I knew how to dance."

Grandma Maggie looked around the attic. "I think there will be enough room for a dance studio up here after we go through all these boxes. What do you say you help me sort through all this stuff, and then I'll teach you a few things about dance?"

"That would be great!" Alicia said, opening the box closest to her.

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2. When Alicia began reading the diary, to whom did she think it belonged?

a. her mother

b. her aunt

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4. List the correct order of these events. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th on the lines.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alicia discovers that the book was written by a dancer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandma Maggie offers to teach Alicia about dance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alicia sees a book on the floor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandma Maggie notices Alicia reading the book.

\_\_\_\_\_ Alicia realizes the book is a diary.

5. What type of story is this?

a. nonfiction

b. folk tale

c. realistic fiction

d. science fiction

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The following terms are vocabulary words from the story. Find a word from the story to match each definition.

1. **Meaning:** collected over a long period of time

**Clues:** 11 letters - second letter is **c** - past tense verb

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Clues:** 8 letters - begins with a **sh** sound - past tense verb

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Meaning:** spun around and around

**Clues:** 7 letters - contains a letter **w** - past tense verb

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Meaning:** place where an artist or dancer works or learns

**Clues:** 6 letters - last two letters are vowels - noun

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWER KEY

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**helping her grandparents move into a new home**



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A large banner with a blue background and white clouds. The word "Preview" is written in large, red, italicized letters. Below it, the text "Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet." is written in a smaller, black font. At the bottom, a cartoon superhero character with a red cape and a blue suit is flying. The cape has "MJS" written on it. The character is smiling and has a red fist.

Answer: studio