Laban Movement Analysis (LMA) PRE-K

What

Actions

Balance
Crawl
Freeze
Gallop
Hide
Jump
March
Roll
Run
Shake
Skip
Slither
Spin
Stretch
Walk

Body Parts

Move Lead Gesture Connect

Head Torso Spine
Arms Shoulders Elbows
Wrists Hands Fingers
Legs Hips Knees
Ankles Feet Toes

Shapes

Round (ball)
Wide (wall)
Narrow (pin)
Twisted (pretzel)

Effort/ Dynamics

How

Factors

Weight ____ Strong

Time Slow Fast

Descriptive Words

Afraid
Angry
Bubbly
Calm
Droopy
Excited
Gentle
Heavy
Sharp
Soft
Spikey
Springy
Tired
Wiggly

Space

Where

Personal

Located

General

Everywhere

Levels

High Middle Low

Directions

Up Down
Forward Backward
Right Left
Diagonal

Pathways

Straight
Zig Zag
Circular
Curvy

Space Words

Over Under
Around Through
In Front Behind
Toward Away
Near Far
Beside

Relationship

With Whom

Body

Body Parts to Each Other Individuals to Each Other Groups to Each Other

Time

Unison
In Own Time
Beat
Accent

Space

Line Circle Scattered

Choreographic Tools

Solo Partner Group Meet Part Connect Lead Follow Mirror

Choreographic Structures

Call and Response
Accumulation - AABABC
Sandwich - ABA
Theme & Variation - AA₁A₂

Other

Unit of Study
Stories Poems
Science Math
Art Music
Props Costumes
Transitions Celebrations