



ball: a large-scale formal social event at which the main activity is dancing

calling card: a small card with the name sometimes the address of a person which is presented when visiting or left behind when calling on someone who is out

cotillion: a formal dance styled after the French 18th century dances

dance card: a card carried by the ladies in which the dances were numbered and the gentleman's name was written beside the number of the dance he was promised

ensemble: a group of musicians, dancers, or actors who perform together with equal contributions from all members

musical: a social occasion in which music is the featured entertainment

opera: a musical dramatic work where music is a dominant part of the performance

operetta: a theatrical production usually with a comic theme similar to opera but with spoken dialogue and usually some dancing

quadrille: a lively French square dance popular in the 18th and 19th centuries danced by four or more couples

waltz: a ballroom dance in triple time in which a couple turns continuously while moving around the dance floor

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