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## Learning Outcome Demonstration

### Pictures Books

Book Title: The Ballet Cat



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#### I. Summary

The Ballet Cat features a group of animals which dances ballet. Chloe, the cat is considered the best dancer of them all, but for some reason none of her classmates seem to like her classmates. When a new student joins them one day, the situation begins to change...

#### II. Motivation

Ballet made up 80 percent of my childhood memories, but it doesn't seem as popular nowadays compared with other forms of dance. Therefore, I wanted to share this beautiful form of dance to more people. For the story itself, Chloe kind of represents the person I was in the past. I used to be very quiet as well. Being introverted sometimes caused me to be misunderstood by others. But the few friends who were willing to get to know me all thought I was different from what they first assumed.

#### III. Production

To create this book, I first sketched out the characters and then used a thicker pen to outline them. After that, I used watercolor pencils and then painted over with some water. The design was inspired by Mo Willems' "Knuffle Bunny." I like the artistic styles of the book, in which Willems used real pictures as the background of each page. So I too used pictures of the ballet classroom I went to as the background of most of the pages. At last, I edited the pages on a web app called Canva and then printed and bound them into a book.

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An illustration of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing red ballet slippers. The legs are light pink with a vertical crease down the center. The slippers are red with a white strap across the foot and a red band around the ankle. The background is a solid light yellow.

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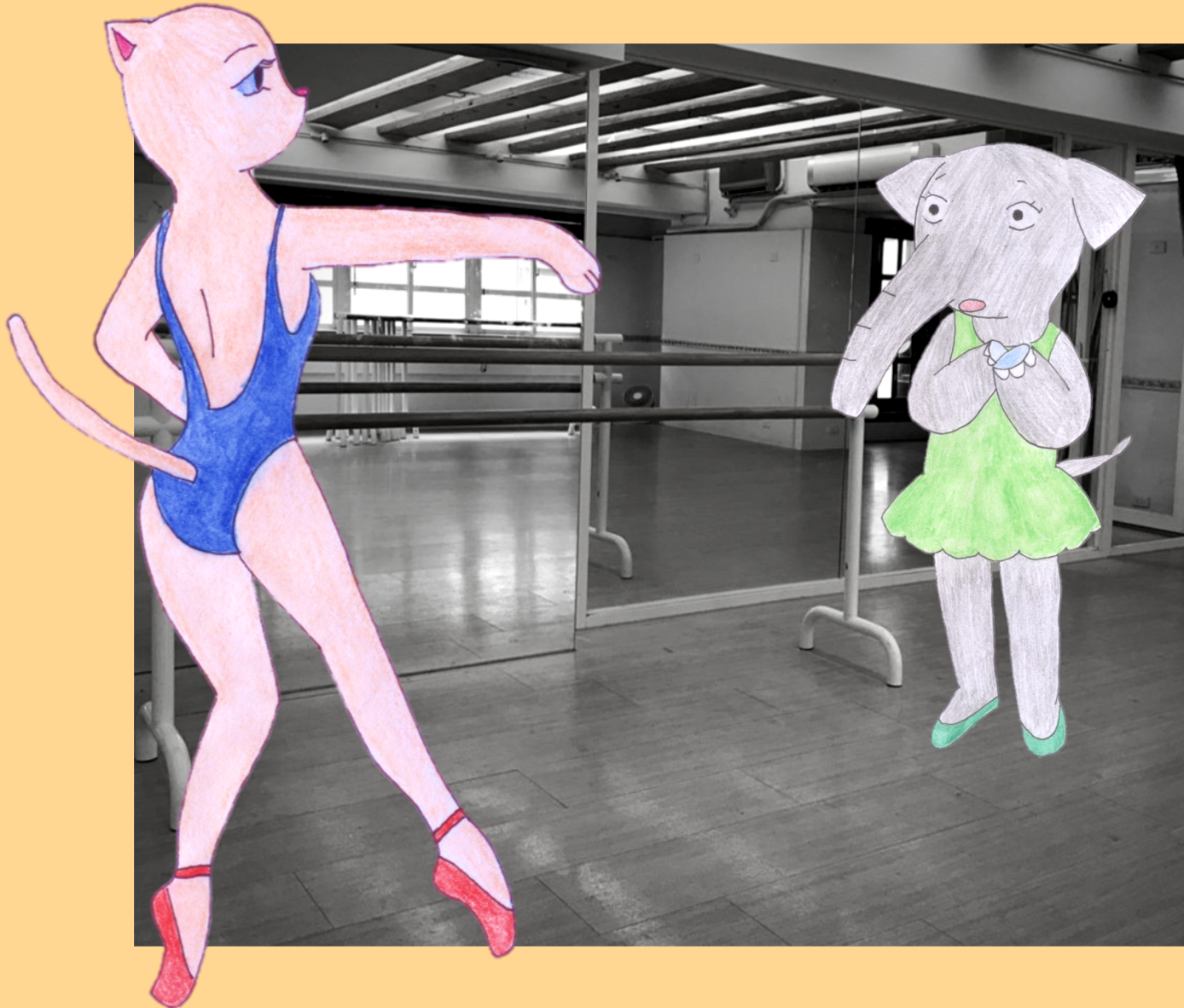


Chloe wears a pair of  
pointe shoes.  
And she puts on her  
blue tutu.



With grace she moves,  
twirling round and round, jumping up and down.

Her classmates watch with amazement.



"I wish I could dance like that!"





"She is the best in our class!"

"But she is so quiet."



"And she does not speak to any of us."





"What a weird cat!"

One day, a new student joins them.



Josie is her name.  
She can dance just as beautifully as Chloe.





And she surely knows how to make friends.



When the whole class has to put on a Swan Lake show,



Josie is voted as the White Swan,



while Chloe is chosen to be the Black Swan.



Chloe is not very happy about that.

But here comes Josie with a kind heart.



"Why are you sad?" she asks.

"Because...nobody likes the Black Swan. She's mean and bad."



"That's not true. I like the Black Swan."





"Really?"

"Yes! She dances like no other!"



They talk and talk until they become good friends.



Now, everyone knows Chloe is not weird.  
She is just shy after all!

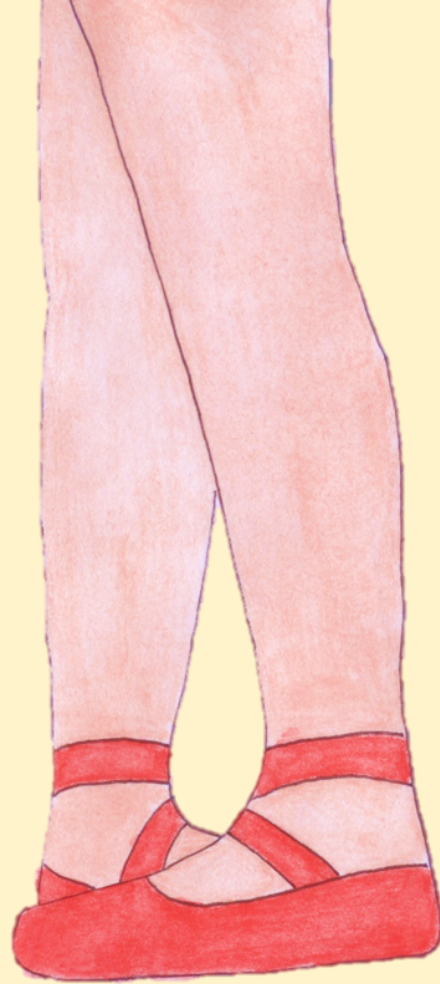


So together they practice hard...

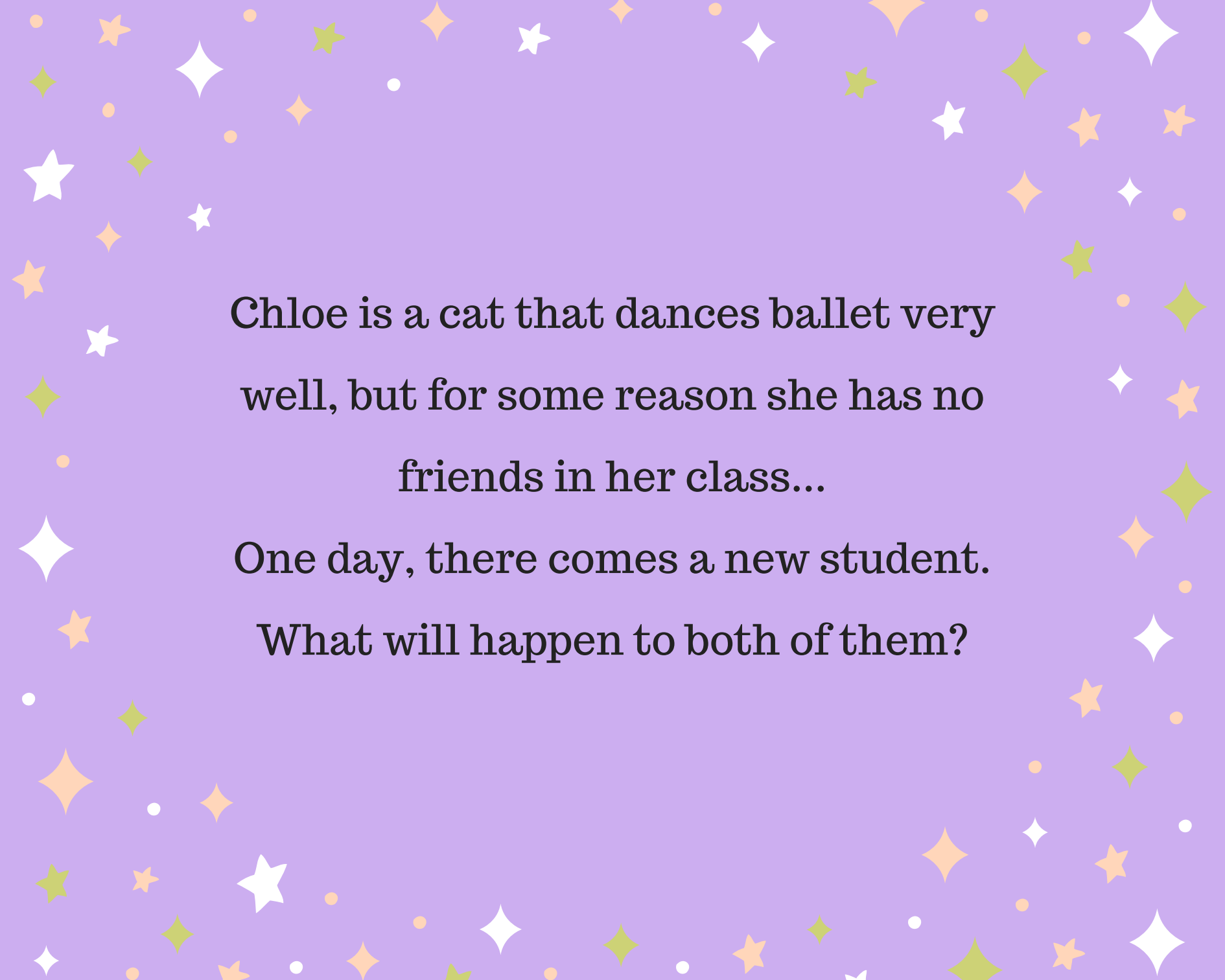




and put on a wonderful show at last!



The End

The background is a solid light purple color. It is decorated with numerous small, stylized stars and confetti-like shapes in white, orange, and green. These shapes are scattered across the entire page, with a slightly higher density around the edges, creating a festive and whimsical atmosphere.

Chloe is a cat that dances ballet very  
well, but for some reason she has no  
friends in her class...

One day, there comes a new student.  
What will happen to both of them?