Morgan Bullock is an African-American Irish dancer. Watch this video to find out about her story.

Tasks
Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task
Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary | Definition
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1. ..... a recital | a. taking things from a culture that is not your own, especially without showing you understand or respect it
2. ..... to go viral | b. something you apply to your skin to make it look sun-tanned
3. ..... tanner | c. to be brave and determined
4. ..... inappropriate | d. a performance of dance, music, poetry, etc.
5. ..... cultural appropriation | e. a popular theatrical show of traditional Irish music and dance
6. ..... Riverdance | f. to become very popular very quickly on the internet
t. ..... to have guts | g. to delay an event and plan that it should happen at a later date
8. ..... to postpone | h. not suitable for a particular condition

Task 1
Write a number (1–8) to put the events from Morgan’s life in the correct order.

1. The US Riverdance tour was postponed.
2. Morgan went viral on TikTok with her Irish dancing.
3. Morgan is ready to perform with Riverdance whenever the tour takes place.
4. She started going to classes a few times a week and attended dance competitions.
5. Morgan was invited onto a very popular Irish radio show.
6. When she was a little girl, Morgan saw Irish dancing for the first time at a recital.
7. Some people accused her of cultural appropriation.
8. Padraic Moyles asked her to perform with Riverdance.
Task 2
Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. African-American  the only  you  class?  in the  girl  Were

2. don’t  issue.  I ever  think  considered  I  it an

3. were not  and you  Irish dancing?  Because  you weren’t Irish  be performing  white, you shouldn’t

4. difference  between  and  appropriation  There’s  appreciation.  a

5. I think  ‘appropriation’  knowing what  it means.  people use  without  the term

6. handling  she’s  how  proud  I’m  of  it.

7. for  yourself  having  out there.  Thank you  the guts  to put

8. in terms of  in that  unique  you showed  video.  what  You are

Discussion
What type of dancing do you like?
Answers

Preparation task
1. d
2. f
3. b
4. h
5. a
6. e
7. c
8. g

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Task 2
1. Were you the only African-American girl in the class?
2. I don’t think I ever considered it an issue.
3. Because you weren’t Irish and you were not white, you shouldn’t be performing Irish dancing?
4. There’s a difference between appropriation and appreciation.
5. I think people use the term ‘appropriation’ without knowing what it means.
6. I’m proud of how she’s handling it.
7. Thank you for having the guts to put yourself out there.
8. You are unique in terms of what you showed in that video.