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- Ballet: A social activity originated in the Italian Renaissance court. After its adoption in France, the French court developed the *ballet de cour* (court ballet) by introducing performative story-telling elements.
- Chinese dance: Dance created predominantly for stage performance following institutionalised knowledge and technical convention after the establishment of PRC in 1949.
- Modern dance: Originated at the beginning of the 20th Century as a subversion to the ballet tradition. It underlines the expression of individual consciousness and style and liberates the body from movement frameworks. Story-telling is not required.
- Contemporary dance: Emerged when dance artists all over the world strive to reject being labelled 'modern', a label which they regard as

American-centric. ‘Contemporary dance’ is increasingly accepted to describe the quest for the characteristics of the society to which one belongs, cultural identity, and freedom of creation. Still in its process of development, its definition is yet to be nailed down.

- Street dance: In the 1960s, as an immense Hispanic population poured into the United States, these immigrants and their descendants gradually developed a culture of their own to vent their suffering as they led lives of oppression and marginalisation. Hence in the 1970s, a unique dance culture began on the two coasts of the United States. Marginalised, their dance was not accepted in the respected circles and could only take place on the streets, and so was called ‘street dance’.
4. Chinese and English Style Guide: Chicago style.
 5. Spelling: English (British).
 6. Dictionary:
 - Chinese: Dictionary (revised edition) published by the Ministry of Education, Republic of China, 2015, <http://dict.revised.moe.edu.tw/>.
 - English: *Cambridge English Dictionary*, <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/>.