Skip Laconically (compound words)

Find a dictionary and identify how many pages it has.
Use a random list generator to identify as many pages as half of your dancers.
Make a list of all the compound words on each of those pages.
Use a random list generator 7 times to organize them.
Use the first \( n \) words (where \( n = \) half the number of your dancers).
Randomize into two groups, A & B, use your favorite method.
Members of Group A get the first half of the compound words, e.g. “cow”.
Members of Group B will be get the other part of the words, e.g. “boy”.
Scatter and return and scatter and return...keep going.
When individuals cross paths they should say (only) their word – no other speaking is allowed.
Group A members always speak first.
If two dancers form a legitimate compound word:
   - join together arms over shoulders in a pair
   - skip laconically
   - outer arms swinging boldly in unison
   - say nothing / don’t laugh

Legitimate compound words need not match the words on the list.
Continue to scatter and return while counting to 100 after you find your pair.
Count to yourself – say nothing.
Pairs stop when they finish counting – pairs might not each stop at the same time.
There may be some stragglers who can’t find legitimate pairs.
If you can’t find a pair repeat your word out loud on each step for 100 repeats, then stop moving.

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