



## ACTIVITY SHEETS

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## Dancing Devi

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**D**evi knows that she's a good dancer. In fact, she's one of the best Bharatanatyam dancers at her dance school. So she's very upset when she learns she's lost the big dance competition. Her mom is a perfect dancer and Devi needs to be, too. Devi vows to practice her facial expressions and footwork until her dance is flawless, but no matter how much she practices, she keeps making mistakes. Come along with Devi as she learns that failure is an important part of learning and growing.



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Try making these *mudras* or hand gestures with both hands.



*Pataka* or Flag



*Trishula* or Trident



*Hamsasya* or Swan



*Kartari* or Scissors

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Use the space below to trace one of your mudras. Transform the outline you just created into an animal, a character, or anything else you can imagine!

## YOUR FACE TELLS A STORY

Can you tell how Devi is feeling from looking at her face? Write down a word that describes a feeling below each of Devi's expressions.



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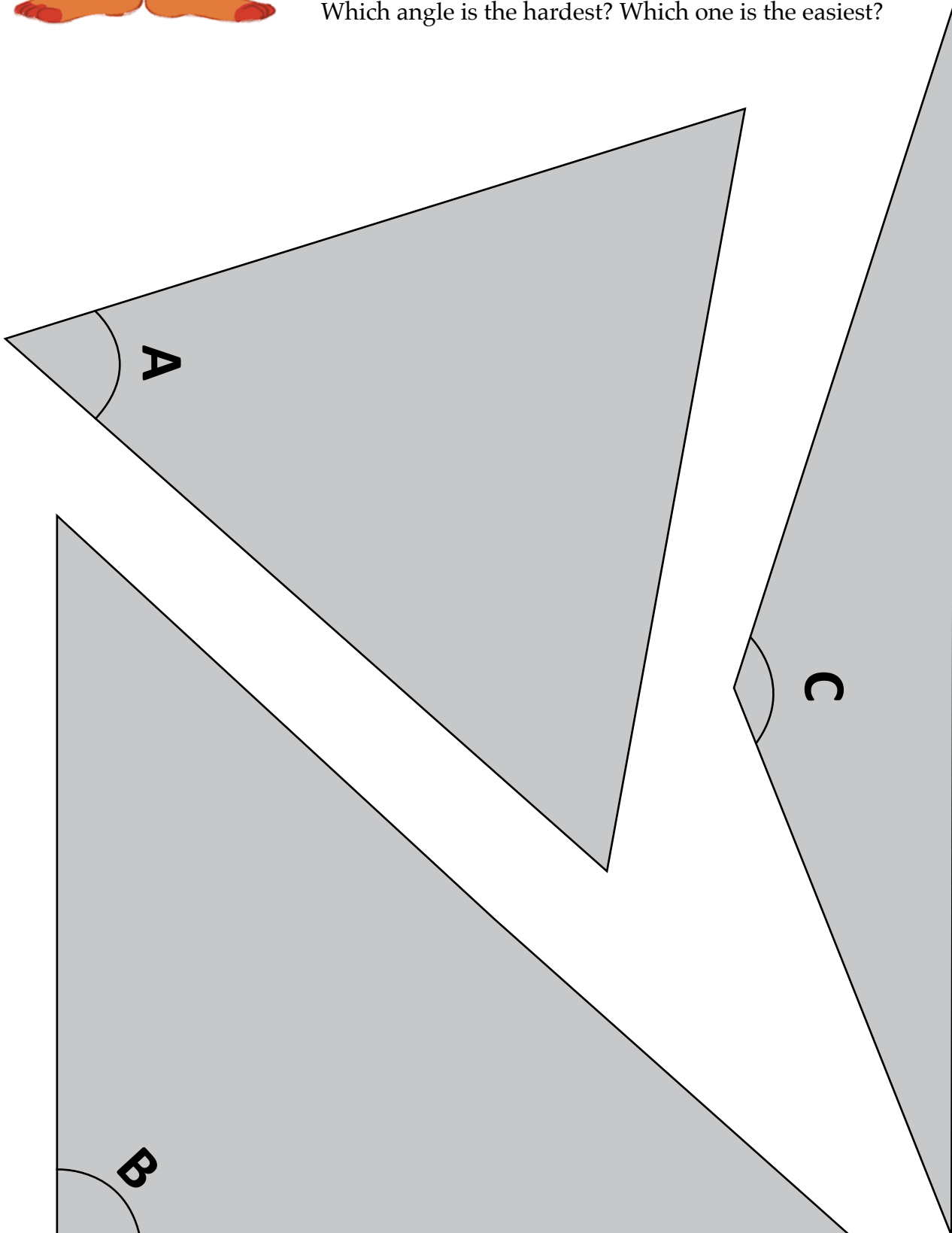
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Can you write or draw about a moment when you felt one of Devi's BIG feelings?  
Make sure you describe or add a lot of detail to your facial expression!

## CAN YOU MAKE ANGLES . . . WITH YOUR FEET?



Cut out the triangles below. Place them on the floor in front of you and try to match the angles with your feet. Which angle is the hardest? Which one is the easiest?





Growing up, Bharatnatyam played an important role in **Priya Parikh's** life. Training as a Bharatanatyam dancer for more than a decade, she completed her Arangetram in 2009. When she's not dancing and writing, Priya is a public health professional, working with nonprofits and the public sector, to improve access to healthcare services globally.



**N. Dejeshwini** is a self-taught artist based in Chennai, India. Dejeshwini spends time observing the beauty and aesthetics of life and nature, and fills her artwork with emotion and cheer. *Dancing Devi* is Dejeshwini's fourth children's book.

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