Discussion points and comprehension questions for *Giraffes Can’t Dance* by Giles Andreae

Describe the giraffe.
What are things that the giraffe does well?
What are some things that are a challenge to the giraffe?
How does the giraffe feel about the Jungle Dance? Why?
Describe the different dances the animals do.
What do you think of the way the other animals treat the giraffe?
How does Gerald feel after the dance? Why?
If you could give Gerald advice, what would you tell him?
Who helps Gerald?
What is the cricket’s suggestion?
When the cricket starts playing his violin, Gerald starts ‘shuffling’, ‘swaying’ and ‘swishing’. Can you think of other words that might describe how Gerald moves?
What does Gerald learn?
What do the other animals think of Gerald by the end of the story?
What message do you think the author is trying to give the reader in this story?