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## **Dancing Devi**

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Practice makes perfect, as Devi learns through a dance competition. She is excited about following in her decorated mother's footsteps; she knows that she's got her moves down. She's dismayed when no awards follow, but her mother soothes her, prompting her to press on and improve. The illustrations have an appealing Disney princess quality. Bright cultural touches, like Devi's mother's flowing blue sari in the central scene, complement the book's messages. Vocabulary words are bolded throughout to facilitate learning.

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