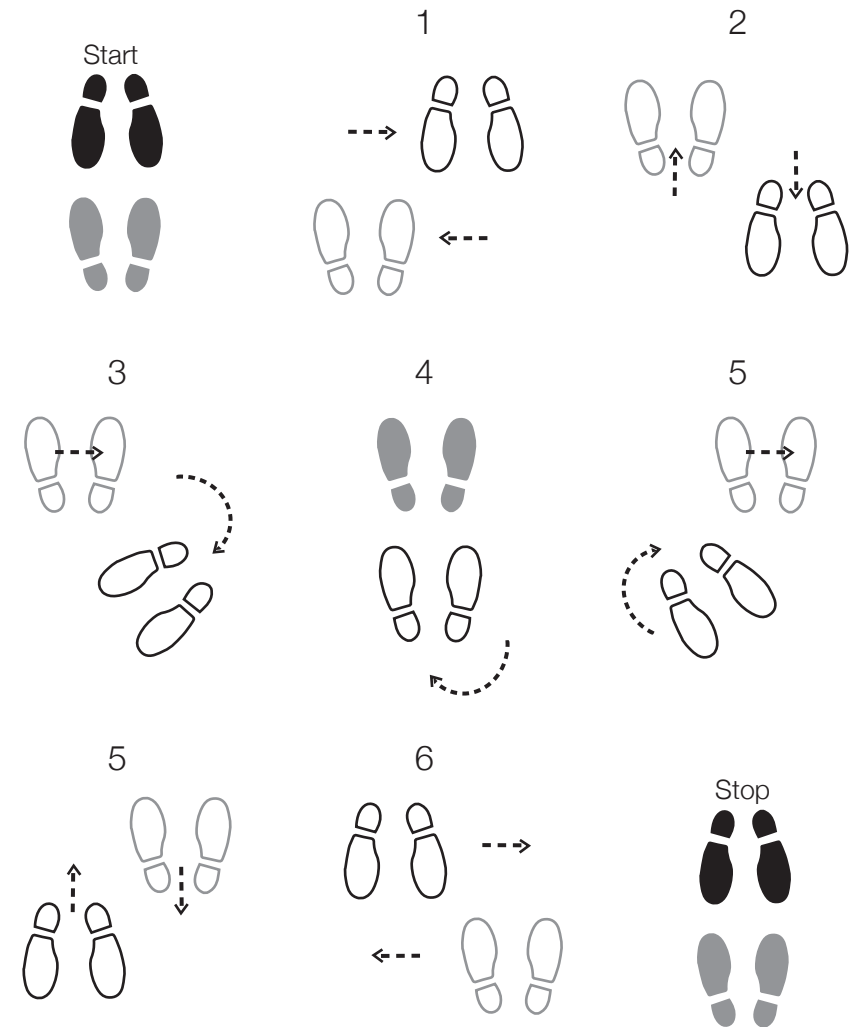
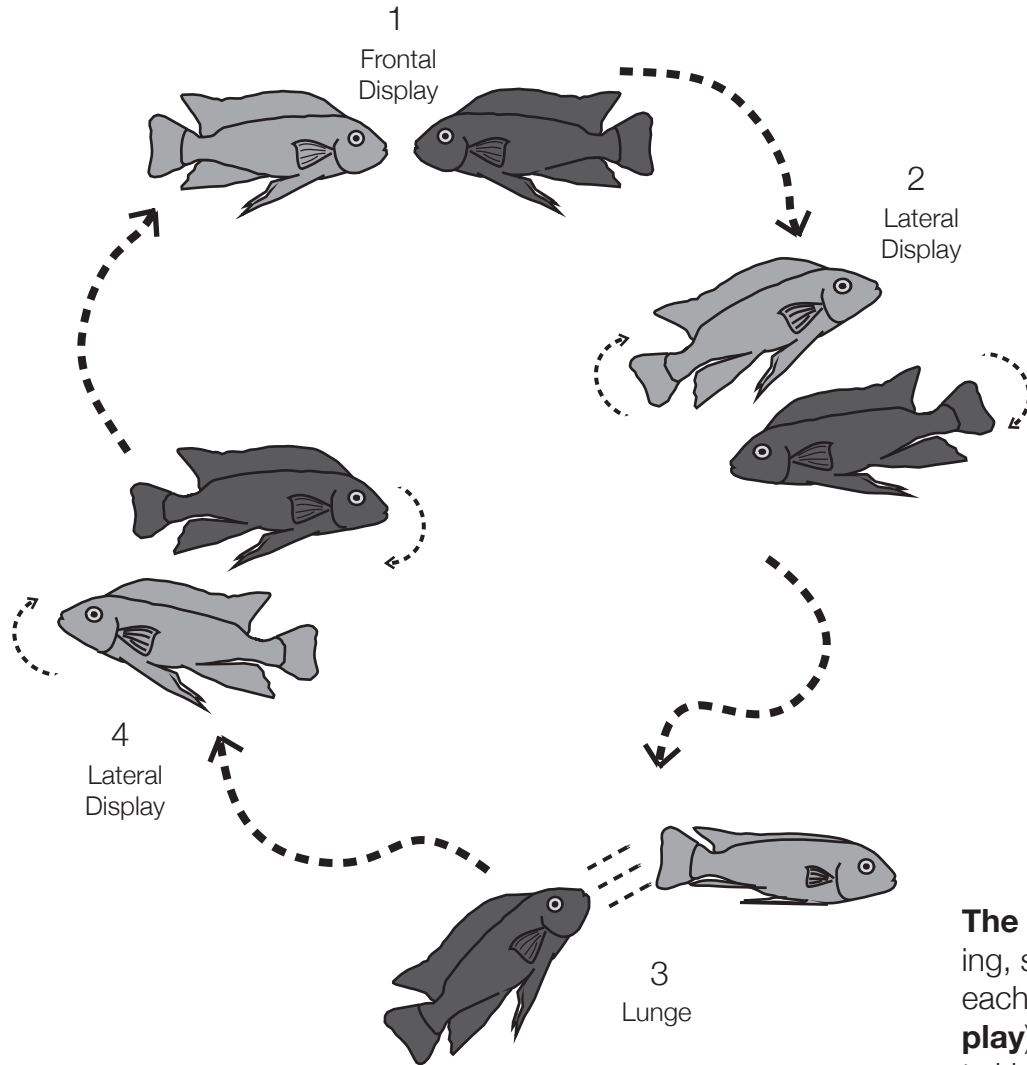


# Come-at-me-bro Do-si-do

When a male cichlid is defending his home, he has several aggressive dance moves that he can use to scare off the intruder. Often, males will face each other and puff up their fins and mouths (**frontal display**). They also will **lunge** at each other, and show off their sides (**lateral display**). The biggest fish with the best moves gets to stay!



**The move:** A dance for two, the Do-si-do is common move in contra dancing, square dancing, and polka. In many versions, the pair starts off facing each other (as in a **frontal display**), pass shoulders (as in a **lateral display**), and keep their backs turned as they circle. In ours, we added an extra twirl to capture the fast **lunges** sometimes seen when cichlids go head-to-head.