

# Circus Fun



Cal was a curious boy with a head full of dreams and a heart eager to have fun. One sunny Saturday, his dream came true. He was going to the circus for the very first time! As Cal walked into the big, colorful tent, his eyes grew wide with wonder. The smell of popcorn and cotton candy filled the air. Happy music played, and clowns with big red noses and floppy shoes made everyone laugh. In the center of the tent was a giant ring, and all around it were seats filled with families just like Cal's, all waiting for the show to start. Cal clutched his ticket tightly, bouncing in his seat with excitement.

The lights dimmed, and the music grew louder. First came the jugglers, tossing balls and pins so fast, Cal could hardly believe his eyes. Then, acrobats flipped and flew through the air, making Cal gasp and cheer. But what came next was Cal's favorite. The elephants! They marched in, big and gray, with shiny tusks and floppy ears. They stood on their back legs and danced, and Cal clapped until his hands tingled.

The circus was more magical than Cal had ever imagined. There were lions that roared and jumped through hoops of fire, and a funny magician who pulled a rabbit out of a hat. Cal laughed and cheered until his voice was just a whisper.

When the circus ended, and the lights came back on, Cal's heart was still dancing with joy. He knew he would remember this day forever. As he left the big tent, holding his mom's hand, he looked back and smiled. The circus was the most amazing place on earth, and he couldn't wait to come back again.

1. Read the passage about "Circus Fun".
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What day did Cal go to the circus?**
  - a. Sunday
  - b. Saturday
  - c. Friday
  
- 2. What smells filled the air?**
  - a. cotton candy and caramel corn
  - b. popcorn and hotdogs
  - c. popcorn and cotton candy
  
- 3. What was the first act at the circus?**
  - a. acrobats
  - b. jugglers
  - c. elephants
  
- 4. What did the lions do?**
  - a. roared at the crowd
  - b. danced on platforms
  - c. jumped through loops of fire
  
- 5. What did the elephants do?**
  - a. let Cal pat them
  - b. walked through the loops
  - c. stood on their back legs and danced

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Why do you think the circus had such a big impact on Cal?
  2. If you were at the circus with Cal, which act would you want to see most and why?
  3. Re-write this story using first, then, next, finally.
  4. Describe one of the circus acts using lots of detail.
- What other act could have been added to make the circus even better?
  - If you were a circus performer, which act would you do and why?
  - Some people don't think animals should be in a circus. Why do you think they feel this way and how do you feel?
  - What would your dream adventure be and why?