

Under The Big Top

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Set Up Directions:

- Print one copy of pages 2 & 3 for one to four players (print more for additional players)
- Print page 4 on the backs of pages 2 & 3 – cut and laminate
- Print one copy of page 5 (circus tent) for each player- laminate
- Print several copies of page 6 (tickets) – cut and laminate
- Circus Vocabulary Word Lists are on pages 7,8 & 9 (target sounds)- print as needed
- Print one copy of Circus Vocabulary Definitions A-C: pages 10,11 & 12 – laminate
- Print pages 13-15 pictures on regular paper. These will be glued on page 16.
- Print one copy of page 16 for each player. This will be used to make a game board (see ending the game).
- Print page 17 and attach to folder or envelope to store your game

Game Directions: The objective of the game is to collect all 4 Circus Rings and as many tickets as you can while using practicing good speech!

- Give each player a Circus Tent (pg 5) and a Circus Vocabulary Word list (pg 7-9)
- Mix up the Circus Rings and place in a draw pile or in a container (maybe a popcorn bag or cup)
- Place Tickets in a pile on the table
- Players take turns drawing Circus Rings and placing them on their Circus Tent page
 - ✿ The player chooses word on Circus Vocabulary List under matching Ring number
 - ✿ The player receives tickets if they use the word correctly* and uses a highlighter to mark the word (correct words are only used once) **(1 ticket for each correct word)**
 - Ringmaster/Ring Mistress: player may choose any word under any ring
 - Ring 1=1 ticket, Ring 2=2 tickets, Ring 3=3 tickets
 - There are 2 special cards: lose a turn and take an extra turn
 - ✿ If the player draws a Ring that has already been placed on their Circus Tent page they put it back in the draw pile or container. BUT they still choose a word and earn ticket(s) if used correctly.*



***Articulation students:** Use each word correctly at the level they are at-

- Say the word with their best production or
- Use in a sentence, read the definition, or define the word- I have students make smart guesses and then we look up the word. They still earn tickets.

***Language students:** Use each word correctly by-

- Defining or providing a description for the word – make smart guesses
- Use the word in a sentence

Ending The Game:

- ♦ The game ends when the player has all 4 Ring cards on their Circus Tent page.
- ♦ You may choose to have the first player who collects all 4 be the winner & end the game OR continue until all have finished their Circus Tent page.
- ♦ Tickets can be counted up and used in any way that works best for your group:
 - Count up tickets and see who has the most or keep a tally to add to as play continues at another time.
 - Page 13-15 are pictures to “buy,” for 2 tickets each. The players can create a circus game board on page 16 by gluing on the pictures and connecting them with a line and ending at the circus tent. See example on left. This can be sent home with players along with the circus word list for home practice.
 - Optional: Players could use tickets to “buy” tokens of your choosing- This could be as small as a sticker, eraser, pencil, etc. for X number of tickets. Or something larger; such as a popcorn or cotton candy party, etc.



Fell off the high wire
LOSE YOUR TURN
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RING 1

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RING 1

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Ladies and Gentlemen
Your Choice

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Your Choice

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The audience loves
your act! Collect 2
tickets and take another
turn.

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RING 3

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Print
one for
each
player



King 1

Ringmaster
Ladies and
Gentlemen
Ring Mistress



King 2

King 3



Circus Vocabulary for /S/

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Ring 1

Say 1 correctly
and earn 1 ticket



Ring 2

Say 2 correctly
and earn 2 tickets



Ring 3

Say 3 correctly
and earn 3 tickets

Acrobats
Animal Parades
Applause
Balloons
Bengal tigers
Boss Clown
Bull Tubs
Bust Out
Coach Cars
Clown's Honor
Clown Tricks
Flame Throwers
Flip-Flaps
Flyers
Gags
Hot Dogs
Howdahs
Jackpots
Nets
Parents
Performance
Pictures
Ponies
Props
Riders
Routines
Rows
Teeter totters
Tigers
Tightrope Walkers
Trainers
Trapeze
Tumblers
Wardrobes
Zany

Aerial acts
Auguste Clown
Camel Rides
Circus Tent
Clown Stop
Concessions
Contortions
Costumes
Double Flips
Elephant Rides
Equestrian
Feet Jumps
Front Bleachers
GRANDSTANDING
Grease Paint
Gymnastics
Heralds
Hoofstock
Jugglers
Knife Swallower
Lions
Lion Tamers
Kazoo
Musicians
Pachyderms
Ribbon Dancers
Riggers
Ringmaster
Ringling Brothers
Seals
Stunts
Trained Elephants
Triple Flips
Vendors
Winter Quarters

Aerialist
Announcers
Apparatus
Balancing
Bare Back Riders
Box Office
Cameras
Dancing Bears
Dressed House
Explosions
First of May
Funambulist
Guy Wires
Hair Suspension Act
Hamster Wheel
High School Horse
Hoops
Horses
Keister
Master of Ceremonies
Mesmerizing
Passing Leaps
Performers
Possum Belly
Risley Act
Roustabout
Safety Nets
Somersault
Star Spangled Banner
Swings through the air
Three Rings
Tickets
TOSSES HIS HAT INTO THE RING
Unicycles
Whiteface Clowns

Practice these words at home using your best speech! Note:

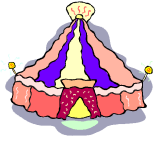
Circus Vocabulary for /R/

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Ring 1

Say 1 correctly
and earn 1 ticket



Ring 2

Say 2 correctly
and earn 2 tickets



Ring 3

Say 3 correctly
and earn 3 tickets

Acrobat
Announcers
Barnum Bailey
Bengal Tigers
Cameras
Catcher
Cherry Pie
Clown Tricks
Dressed House
Elephant Rides
Flame Throwers
Flyers
Front Bleachers
GRANDSTANDING
Grease Paint
Hamster Wheel
High Wire
Kiester
Lion Tamers
Pachyderms
Props
Rigging
Routines
Rows
Tigers
TOSSES HIS HAT INTO THE RING
Trapeze
Troupe
Trunk Up
Tumblers

Aerial Acts
Camel Rides
Children
Circus tent
Coach Cars
Contortions
Equestrian
Finish Trick
GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD
Hair Suspension Act
Hamster Wheel
High School Horse
Iron-Jaw Act
Knife Swallower
Parents
Pictures
Performance
Performers
Popcorn Seller
Ribbon Dancers
Ring Curb
Roustabout
Rows
Trained Elephants
Trampoline
Triple Flips
Tightrope Walkers
Under The Big Top
Vendors

Aerialist
Animal Parades
Apparatus
Bare Back Riders
Character Clown
Clown's Honor
Dancing Bears
Double Decker Wire
First of May
Guy Wires
Heralds
High Wire
Horses
Master of Ceremonies
Mesmerizing Popcorn
Portal
RAIN OR SHINE
Riders
Riggers
Ringling Brothers
Roman Riding
Somersault
Star Spangled Banner
Teeterboards
Three Rings
Trainers
Walkaround
Wardrobes
Winter Quarters

Practice these words at home using your best speech!

Note:

Circus Vocabulary for /L/

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Ring 1

Say 1 correctly
and earn 1 ticket



Ring 2

Say 2 correctly
and earn 2 tickets



Ring 3

Say 3 correctly
and earn 3 tickets

Animal Parades

Barnum Bailey

Bengal Tigers

Boss Clown

Clown's Honor

Clown Stop

Clown Tricks

Flame Throwers

Flying Trapeze

Gilly Wagon

HOLD YOUR HORSES

Lion Tamers

Passing Leaps

Portal

Star Spangled Banner

Unicycles

Whiteface Clowns

Aerial Acts

Auguste Clown

Balancing

Balloons

Calliope

Children

Double Decker Wire

Explosions

High School Horse

Flyers

Front Bleachers

Funambulist

Hula Hoops

Risley Act

Trained Elephants

Trampoline

Triple Flips

Aerialist

Annie Oakley

Applause

Ballyhoo

Bull Tubs

Camel Rides

Character Clown

Clown Alley

Double Flips

Elephant Rides

Flip-Flaps

Heralds

Hippodrome Track

Possum Belly

Ringling Brothers

Tail Up

Tumblers

WHITE ELEPHANT

Practice these words at home using your best speech!

Note:



Sheet A



Circus Vocabulary Definitions

http://www.ringling.com/uploadedFiles/Ringling/TextContent/FunZone/Circus_Works_Education_Center_Details/allabout.pdf

Check your libraries for books about the circus to see pictures and learn more information.

Jargon/Idioms: expressions that we often hear which originated in the circus; these are listed in red.

(Not all words on the vocabulary lists are included in the definitions below)

Acrobats circus stars who perform on the trampoline, trapeze, tight wire or tumbling mats

Aerial acts circus acts performed in the air

Aerialist acrobats who work above the rings

Animals elephants, tigers, horses, dogs, llamas, alpacas and zebras

Annie Oakley a complimentary ticket or free pass

Apparatus objects needed in circus acts, such as the trapeze, ladder, etc.

Auguste Clown a type of clown who paints white around the eyes and mouth, wears baggy clothes, and entertains by falling, flipping, and performing other kinds of silly movements



Balancing the ability to walk steadily on a wire, or stand on an elephant's back without falling

Ballyhoo exaggerated behavior to attract the attention of a crowd

Barnum Bailey two men who started a circus and later merged with Ringling Brothers

Bengal Tiger a breed of tiger from a region of Asia called Bengal

Boss Clown the clown who is in charge of all of the clowns

Box Office ticket sales office

Bull Tub heavy round metal pedestal upon which an elephant sits or stands

Bust Out a time when many clowns enter the arena at once



Calliope a musical instrument consisting of a series of steam whistles played like an organ; used today in displays and parades

Catcher a member of a trapeze act who catches the flyers

Character Clown has exaggerated facial features, sometimes called hobo or tramp clown

Cherry Pie extra work done by circus personnel for extra pay

Clown Alley clowns' dressing rooms, where all the clowns "hang out," and the closest area to the arena

Clown's Honor an unwritten code of honor between clowns so that no clown copies another clown's makeup

Clown Stop a brief appearance of clowns while the props are being changed or rigging is being set up

Coach Cars specially designed railroad cars on which the performers live and travel

Concessions place where souvenirs and food are sold

Contortion ability to bend your body into unusual positions



Double Decker Wire a high wire act where one wire is above another

Dressed House when tickets are distributed so that all sections are filled with no obviously empty sections

Equestrian a horseback rider

Feet Jumps jumping on the back of a horse and riding it with your feet together

Finish Trick the last trick of a specific act

First of May a performer in his or her first season in a circus show

Flip-flaps the trick of flipping from a standing position to the hands while bareback riding on a running horse

Flyer aerialists, especially those in flying return acts

Flying Trapeze Artists aerial acrobats who perform on a trapeze

Funambulist rope walker/taken from Latin roots: funis meaning "rope" and ambulare, "to walk"

Circus Vocabulary Definitions

Gags a clown skit

GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD: Today this means that it is time to begin. The circus meaning is the same

Gilly Wagon extra small wagon or cart used to carry light pieces of equipment around the lot

GRANDSTANDING: Today this means that someone is being boastful. In the circus it means that someone is trying to get the attention of the audience.

Grease Paint makeup used by clowns

Guy Wires heavy, strong ropes or cables that help to support poles and rigging that support the flying trapeze, etc.

Hair Suspension Act an act in which ladies hang by their hair and perform tricks high above the arena

Heralds advertisements for the circus

High School Horse a horse who has been taught fancy steps in special riding academies

High Wire a tight wire raised very high above the ground

Hippodrome Track area around rings

HOLD YOUR HORSES: Today this means to be patient. In earlier days, before cars, spectators came on horses to watch the circus parade. Sometimes the horses would be startled by the appearance of elephants, so a person would walk in the parade ahead of the elephants and say, "Hold your horses, here come the elephants."

Hoofstock animals with hoofs, such as horses, ponies, and zebras

Howdahs a seat or platform on the back of an elephant or camel used for riders



Iron-jaw act an aerial stunt performance using a leather and metal apparatus which fits into the performer's mouth

Jackpots tall tales about the circus

Jugglers performers who toss three or more objects into the air, which requires skill of hand and eye

Kazoo a musical instrument frequently used by clowns

Kiester a circus wardrobe trunk



Liberty a horse act without riders, reins, or any restraints. Horses follow the spoken command of their trainer

Lobby area near the main entrance of the arena where refreshments and souvenirs are sold

Long mount when a long line of elephants stand on their hind legs and place their front legs on the back of the elephant in front of them

Net used as a safety device in flying trapeze and other aerial acts

Pachyderms another word for elephant; it means "thick-skinned" in Greek

Passing leap trick in a flying trapeze act in which two flyers pass each other in mid-air, one returning to the fly bar, while the other leaps over him to be caught by the catcher

Portal performers' entrance

Possam belly extra storage box attached beneath a work wagon or railroad car

Props objects such as ladders, rigging, hoops, etc., used in the circus

Circus Vocabulary Definitions

RAIN OR SHINE: Today this means exactly what it meant during the early circus days - that the event will be held even if it rains.

Riggers circus workers who set up all of the ropes and wires needed in the show

Rigging the apparatus used in high wire or aerial acts

Ring curb curved wooden sections that fit together to form the circus rings

Ringling Brothers the famous group of 5 brothers who created their own circus and later purchased the Barnum & Bailey Circus in 1907

Ringmaster or Ring Mistress the person who announces the circus acts

Risley act acrobats who lie on their backs while juggling objects with their feet

Roman riding a rider standing on the backs of two horses

Roustabout a circus workman, laborer

Routine the order of movements in an act



Somersault an acrobat feat performed by turning the heels over the head

Stunt a daring act that takes courage and skill

Tail up command to an elephant to follow in line

Teeterboard similar to a seesaw, used in acrobatic acts

Tiger large black and tawny striped cat

TOSSES HIS HAT INTO THE RING: Today this means that a person has decided to run for an elected office. This expression started after President Woodrow Wilson tossed his hat into the circus ring when he attended the circus.

Trainers professionals hired by the circus to work with the animals

Trampoline spring-like apparatus on which acrobats jump, bounce and tumble

Troupe a group of circus performers that work together in one act

Trunk up command to elephants to raise their trunks in a salute

Under the Big Top a tent where the early circus acts were performed

Vendor person who sells programs, snacks, and souvenirs

Walkaround clown number in which clowns perform sight gags while continually moving around the hippodrome track

Wardrobe the costumes worn by performers

WHITE ELEPHANT: Today this refers to an object that is expensive and has no practical use. In 1884, a white elephant was pictured on many of the circus advertisements.

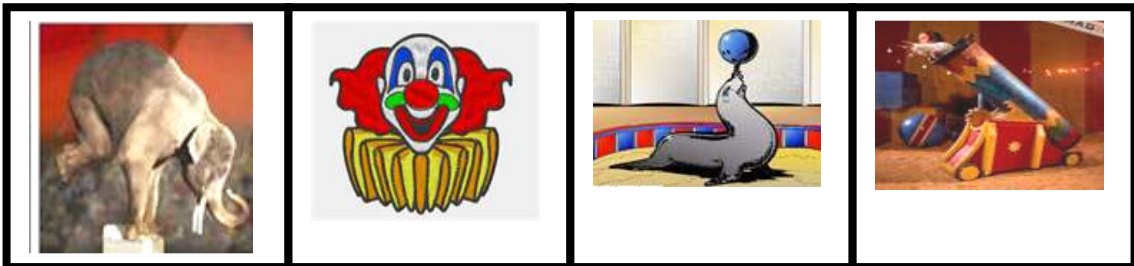
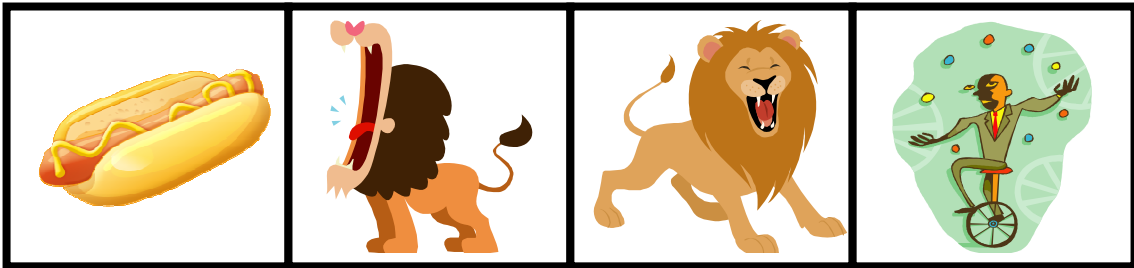
Whiteface clown this clown's face is mostly white, tends to be more serious, and dresses neatly

Winter quarters the home of the circus when it is not traveling; where the shows are staged

Zany another word for clown







My Circus Game

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