

Practice Race 2

The Circus

Tigers, elephants, horses, men and women on the flying trapeze, clowns, music, snacks... where are you? The circus! For years, boys and girls of all ages have packed into big-top tents to watch hours of daring human acrobatics, clowns, and exotic animals from all parts of the world. For many years, circuses have provided enjoyment for families. These sources of enjoyment are now coming under attack for the manner in which they treat animals. Several groups that protect animals have become vocal about the mistreatment of the circus animals, and circuses have answered. Let's learn about both points of view.

Animal rights organizations are incredibly concerned with the safety and treatment of the animals that perform in the circus. Members of these organizations are concerned for several reasons. These wild animals are captured from their habitat or natural home. Separated from their families, animals are often carried long distances to the circus. Through violence and intimidation, they are forced to perform tricks that are often unnatural. Since circuses move from city to city performing, they are often kept in very small cages for hours on trains, trucks, and sometimes ships. Seventeen nations in the world have banned animal circuses.

Circuses do not agree with the activists. Circus owners feel strongly that they are serving an important role in educating families about wild animals and promoting their survival. The owners feel that promoting human-animal contact is important. It is through circuses that many people learn about the importance of protecting endangered animals around the world. Circuses believe their job is to teach about the animals' needs and challenges, as well as our responsibility in ensuring their survival. As part of their effort, circuses have opened organizations that help to learn more about animals through research.







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1. 6 x7

2. 5 x5 3. 4 x2 4. 2 x7

5. 3 x6

6. 5 x1

7. 5 x3 8. 9 x2 9. 6 x7

10. 3 x5

11. 8 x7

12. 4 x7 13. 6 x5

14. 5 x3

15. 9 x2

16. 9 x3

17. 7 x3

18. 3 x2 19. 4 x9 20. 1 x9

21. 6 x4 22. 9 x6 23. 8 x8 24. 5 x1 25. 3 x2

26. 8 x2 27. 7 x7 28. 6 x4 29. 9 x5 30. 9 x8

31. 1 x9 32. 4 x3 33. 3 <u>x7</u> 34. 8 <u>x5</u> 35. 9 x7

36. 2 x3 37. 1 x9 38. 6 x6 39. 5 x9 40. 0 x6



