ALL THE FUN OF THE CIRCUS!



Activity ONE
Discussion Part 1

- Who has been to the circus?
- What is your favourite animal/act?
- Do you like going to the circus?

Let's make you up like clowns and wear some clown hats – it'll get us in the mood for this trip to the circus!!

PART 2- Lets learn a little bit about the circus!

Circus is a word with a long, interesting history. It is a Latin word that means "ring" or "circle." One of the most famous places in ancient Rome was the Circus Maximus. It was a kind of round stadium with rows of seats all around the inside of it. Roman citizens gathered there to watch races, games and violent, bloody fights.

The modern circus developed in the nineteenth century. It was a travelling show of animals and people working under a large tent, later known as the **Big Top.**

Travelling circuses were popular in the United States and Britain before eighteen thirty. A circus moved from town to town, putting on shows with trained animals, acrobats doing difficult tricks, and funny, colorful clowns.

Circuses still travel from place to place. And they still have trained animal acts, acrobats and clowns.

Today's circuses usually have three rings. Something different takes place in each of the three rings at the same time. The heads of people watching a circus turn back and forth as they try to see every exciting act in each ring.

Clowns are a very special part of the circus. They look funny with their big red noses, painted faces and clothes that are much too large for them. Everyone at a circus loves to watch the clowns do tricks on each other. Clowns have a real purpose: to make people laugh. They always succeed.

One of the most popular of Barnum's animals was a huge elephant named Jumbo. Jumbo was very large, much larger than other elephants. Soon, anything that was the largest of its kind was called **jumbo.**

Today, there are jumbo drinks, jumbo boxes of soap, and jumbo sales of cars.

ACTIVITY TWO: Lets play some fun games to learn more about the circus.

http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/label-the-picture/clowns-face

http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/find-the-pairs/people-the-circus

http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/circus-escape

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ACTIVITY THREE: JUGGLING

Who knows how to juggle? Lets practice together!



ACTIVITY 4. ITS SONG TIME

Lets learn the words too!

http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/when-the-circus-comes-town

ACTIVITY FIVE

Clowns make up a very big part of the circus! Lets learn some more.

Do you like clowns?

Do you think they are funny or a bit scary?

http://library.thinkquest.org/CR0212441/clowns.html

ACTIVITY SIX- CRAFT

Lets make a clown face from paper plates and paint. Don't forget to paint his nose bright red like Rudolph.

ACTIVITY SEVEN- WORKSHEETS

Time to get our English brains working with some crosswords, word searches and worksheets.

ACTIVITY EIGHT- REVISE VOCABULARY

We learned lots of new words today, lets recap and mime some circus actions.

ACTIVITY NINE- Finally, lets watch some cool circus tricks.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSIJWgw2R9U

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86YphZm05jw

ACTIVITY TEN – Let's play SLEEPING CIRCUS LIONS!

