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The Circus



Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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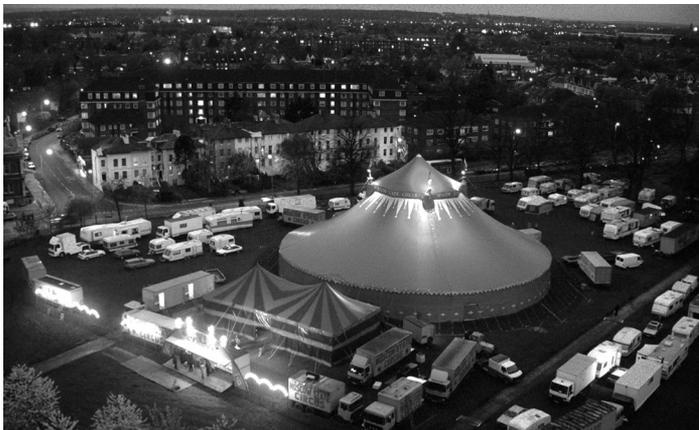
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The Circus

Many people are very interested in circuses and circus schools nowadays, but circuses are not new. They **began** in Britain many years ago. In the early years the most **popular** attractions were the tricks performed on horseback.

Later, international circuses **brought** acts from around the world to **towns** and villages across Britain. **Television** also allowed a **wider** range of people to see the circus.

Although fewer people have visited the circus in **recent** years, circuses are still successful.



International touring circuses, including the Chinese State Circus, the Moscow State Circus and Circus Oz, regularly visit Britain. The Chinese State Circus includes

_____ *incredible* _____ balancing acts and plate

_____ *spinning* _____. The Moscow State Circus has a

varied programme of traditional skills. Circus Oz, the

Australian circus, is slightly different and some performers

play musical _____ *instruments* _____ while juggling!

In another act, a man is _____ *trapped* _____ inside a huge hamster wheel.

Circuses have certainly _____ *changed* _____ over the years

but they are always _____ *exciting* _____ to see, even if

some _____ *activities* _____ appear to be dangerous.

These include juggling with pretend _____ *knives* _____ and

the famous trick involving a magician sawing a woman in half!

Acknowledgements

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