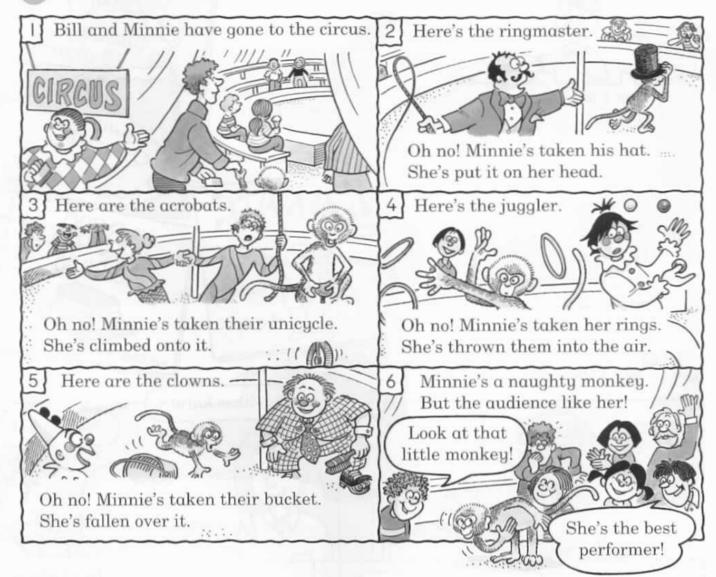
## Listen and read



## Ask and answer

She's taken it. She's put it on her head.



- I What has Minnie done with the ringmaster's hat?
- 2 What has Minnie done with the acrobats' unicycle?
- 3 What has Minnie done with the juggler's rings?
- 4 What has Minnie done with the clowns' bucket?

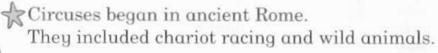


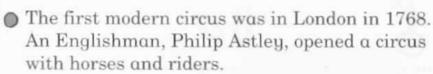




#### 6 Read

Have you ever been to a circus? How much do you know about circuses?







The first big circuses were in America. At first they were in special buildings. Then they moved from town to town with a tent. The first travelling circus was in 1880.

The circus tent is called the big top. Inside the tent there is a circus ring. The audience sit on wooden seats around the ring.

The ringmaster comes into the ring at the start of the circus. He introduces the performers. The most popular performers are the clowns. They wear silly clothes and have painted faces.

The first real clown was an actor called Joseph Grimaldi. He invented the clown's clothes and painted face. People called him 'Joey'. Clowns today are often called 'Joey'.

Circuses also include acrobats, jugglers, sword-swallowers, fire-eaters, plate-spinners, knife-throwers and tightrope-walkers.

Some circuses also include animals.

# Ask and answer

- I Were there circuses in ancient Rome?
- 2 When was the first modern circus?
- 3 Where were the first big circuses?
- 4 What is the circus tent called?
- 5 Who are the most popular performers?
- 6 Who was Joseph Grimaldi?
- 7 What are clowns often called?
- 8 Are there always animals in circuses?



# Listen and sing 🖂



The sword-swallower's swallowed the sword. S

That's what he's done.

The sword-swallower's swallowed the sword.

And we've all had fun! Yes, we've all had fun!



That's what she's done.

The plate-spinner's spun the plates.

The sword-swallower's swallowed the sword.

And we've all had fun!

Yes, we've all had fun!



That's what he's done.

The knife-thrower's thrown the knives.

The plate-spinner's spun the plates.

The sword-swallower's swallowed the sword.

And we've all had fun!

Yes, we've all had fun!

The tightrope-walker's walked the tightrope.

The fire-eater's eaten the fire.





- Have you ever been to a circus?
- 2 Have you ever seen an acrobat?
- 3 Have you ever juggled balls or rings?
- 4 Have you ever ridden a unicycle or a horse?

- 5 Have you ever climbed a rope?
- 6 Have you ever worn silly clothes?
- 7 Have you ever painted your face?
- 8 Have you ever fallen over?

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