

The Circus is in Town

The Rodriguez Brothers Circus is in town! Every year, the circus arrives and stays for a week. Then they go to the next town.

There are not many animals in the circus. People told the circus that they didn't like seeing animals performing. There is an elephant called Jacob and two old lions, Hattie and Meg. Most of the performers are human! There is Leopold, The Strongest Man in the World. His father also worked in the circus, but Leopold is stronger than him, he has bigger arms and bigger legs too! Leopold performs his act every night for the town's people who come to watch. Another performer is Clara. She says she has the longest hair in the world. It's about 4 metres long! She also has a daughter who works in the circus. Her name is Sue-Ellen. Her hair is a lot shorter, but she wants to grow it as long as her mother's. Sue-Ellen helps look after the animals and she's also learning how to juggle. The highlight of the circus is the three clowns, Pit, Pot and Pat. They all wear long red shoes, but Pat's shoes are the longest and sometimes, he falls over because they're so long! They perform for about twenty minutes and they are always the most popular act with the audience, especially the children. Many people think Pit, Pot and Pat are three brothers, but Pat is older than the other two - he's their father! He's the oldest clown in the country, but he has a lot of energy.

Tomorrow will be the longest, most tiring day because the circus is leaving town and everything must be packed away into big trucks.

Task 1 Are the following statements true or false?

1. The circus comes to the town twice a year. _____
2. There are not many animals in the circus. _____
3. People don't come to the circus because of the animals. _____
4. Leopold and his father work in the circus together. _____
5. Leopold's father is the strongest. _____
6. Clara's hair is longer than her daughter's hair. _____
7. Sue-Ellen wants to be a clown in the circus. _____
8. Pit is the father of the other two clowns. _____

9. The three clowns wear identical shoes. _____

10. Everyone is very tired on the day that the circus leaves town. _____

Task 2 Answer to the questions about the text.

1. What are the names of the clowns in the circus?

2. How many animals are there in the circus? Name them:

_____.

3. How often does the circus come to the town?

_____.

4. Why there are so few animals in the circus?

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5. How long is Clara's hair? _____.

6. Who is learning to juggle? _____.

Task 3 **Imagine that you are a performer of a circus. What would you like to be?**

---Prepare to discuss this with people at home!---