

# **Reading Zone 2**

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**TITLE** ▶ The Circus, What a Show!



## ACTIVITY ▶

## Angry Crossword

## TITLE ▶ Inside the Circus

The clues to this crossword are given but are mixed up and not numbered across or down. Some letters have been placed in the answer squares and the number of letters in the answers has been given to help you.

**Across**

The clowns pretending to have a war wore enormous shoes over their —. (4)

The most daring performers in the circus are those on the flying —. (7)

The lion trainer was brave and — were the daredevils. (2)

The ringmaster wore a top hat — top of his head. (2)

The silly — pretended to have a war. (6)

The band played — music when the clown pretended to die. (3) — the circus performers are great! (3)

The — was turning somersaults in midair. (7)

I thought the — swallower would gag. (5)

The circus is more than — it is great! (4)

The — daring performers in the circus are those on the flying trapeze. (4)

The clown pretending to be an — stuck his head in the sand. (3)

The circus — was enormous and had flags all over it. (4)

I ate — fairy-floss to last a lifetime. (6)

A clown tried to — a hole in the sand with a spoon. (3)

I begged my mother to take — to the circus. (2)

My mother said —, she wouldn't take me to the circus. (2)

A clown pretending to be an emu, made a — then laid an egg in it. (4)

A clown pretended to be a scientist trying to split the — with a sledgehammer. (4)

The mother told her — not to be afraid of the clowns. (3)

**Down:**

I ate three — dogs with sauce. (3)

The fire eater did not really — the fire. (3)

I want to — to the circus again. (2)

"I — not going to be frightened of the clowns," declared the boy. (2)

I want to sew a costume — I can wear it. (2)

The ringmaster introduced the gigantic — named King Kong. (3)

A foolish clown dressed in a policeman's costume — the emu and locked it up in a paper prison. (7)

At least — clowns jammed themselves into the little car. (3)

The ground where the acts were performed was covered in — for safety. (7)

— love to wear ridiculously funny costumes. (6)

One group of clowns pretended to attack the ice-cream castle and another group pretended to — it. (6)

Again the mother said, "—, I won't take you to the circus." (2)

I — not want to become a juggler. (2)

— the band there was a tuba player. (2)

When the show was — the audience clapped. (4)

The smallest clown bellowed, "Fe, fi, —, fum!" (2)

The elephants had a — of war. (3)

The — butted the clown in the butt. (4)

The animal — are skilful and brave. (8)

I ate a hot — with sauce. (3)



ACTIVITY ▶

# Spot the Difference

## TITLE ▶ Flea Circus

*Believe it or not there actually were flea circuses. Fleas were "trained" to perform tricks such as pulling tiny wagons, walking along a tight rope and, of course, various jumping stunts. Naturally there were no animals in flea circuses other than fleas. No elephant could diet enough to fit in. The "Ringmaster" was usually the owner because fleas have such tiny voices one of them wouldn't have been heard, and besides fleas don't have the large and colourful vocabulary that a ringmaster needs. The other problem was costumes. They just couldn't get them small enough and if they did how could they iron them? So the poor little fleas had to perform naked.*

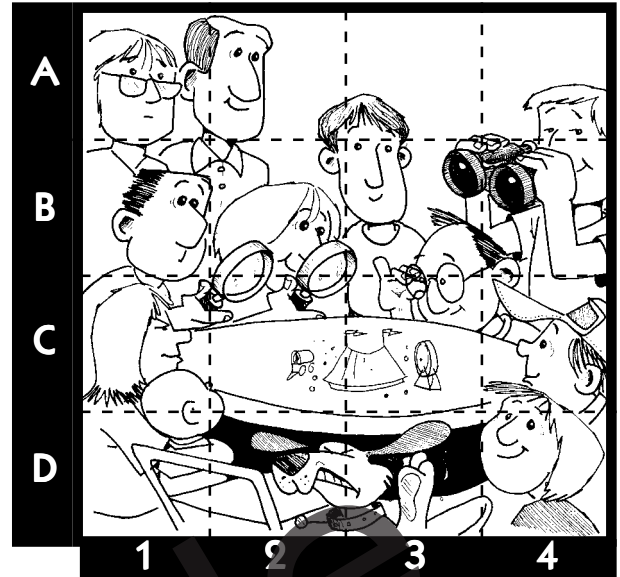
### Mix-up

▶ In the image below the original has been cut into sections along the grid lines and then mixed up. Identify each piece and mark down its original location.



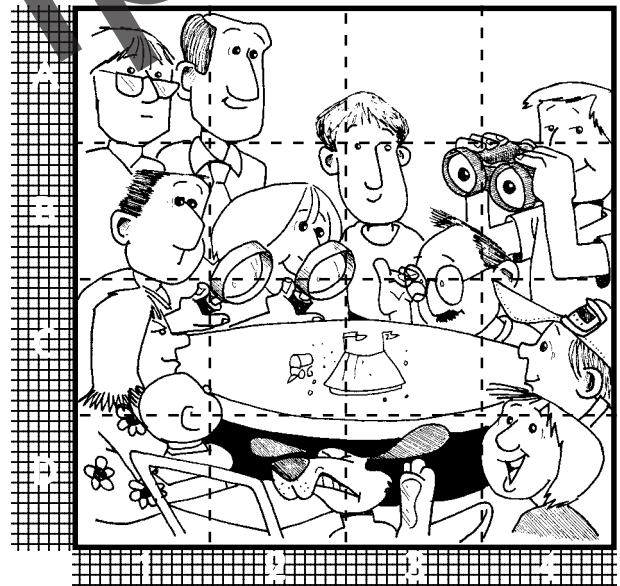
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ORIGINAL IMAGE



### Spot 8 Differences

▶ **Spot the EIGHT differences between the original image and the image below. Write their grid location and a brief description.**



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| ▶ <u>e.g. D3</u> | <u>dog collar</u> |
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## TITLE ▶ This Blue and White Planet

Letters can only be used once. Letters can follow each other vertically and horizontally but NOT diagonally to make up a word. Use the left over letters to find the mystery sequence.

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## Clues

The letters of the mystery sentence should appear in the puzzle close to their proper order, but here are also some clues to help you.

The first three words rhyme with 'bake', 'eight' and 'fair'. The sixth word means an enormous hunk of rock. The ninth and tenth words start with the same two letters. The seventh and eleventh words are contractions – one with 'is' and the other with 'have'. The last word rhymes with 'lot' and 'hot' and 'not' and 'shot' and 'Camelot' and 'Lancelot'.

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