

Let's go to the circus

FOR THIS PROGRAMME YOU WILL NEED A CLOWN FACE. A PAPER PLATE MAKES A GOOD BASE FOR A CLOWN FACE. YOU COULD ADD COLOURED HAIR, A RED NOSE AND A CONE SHAPE HAT. THE SMILE COULD BE MADE FROM RED CARD, FIXED ON WITH A PAPER FASTENER SO IT CAN BE TURNED UP-SIDE-DOWN TO MAKE A FROWN.

Class Introduction

I wonder if you have ever been to a circus? Have you ever been to a circus or seen one on television? What circus acts do you like best?

Do you like acrobats or trapeze artists or high wire walkers? They must be very clever. Do you like clowns? Did you know that every clown has a different name and a different face?

No two clowns are alike. Or do you like performing animals, horses. What about elephants, or even lions and tigers?

YOU COULD TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT CIRCUS ACTS TOGETHER BEFORE YOU CONTINUE, IF YOU LIKE.

If YOU could design a brand new circus act what would it be?

Here is a story, or at least, the start of a story. It is up to you to finish it.

There was once a clown whose name was Timmy. He was the best clown in the world. He could juggle and tumble and drive an exploding car. He wore baggy trousers, flappy shoes and a big red nose but what everyone liked about Timmy was his amazing smile. He looked a bit like this.

SHOW CLOWN FACE WITH SMILE

Then one day Timmy walked into the circus ring but he looked quite different. His clothes were exactly the same. He could still juggle, tumble and do tricks, but he just wasn't funny any more. Then the ring-master and the other clowns realised what was wrong. Timmy looked like this.

SHOW CLOWN FACE WITH SMILE TURNED UPSIDEDOWN

Timmy had lost his smile. That day, no-one laughed at the clowns. No-one seemed to enjoy any of the acts as much.

The next day Timmy still had an up-side-down smile. Nobody could find out what was wrong.

Every day, the audience grew smaller and smaller. Something would have to be done or the circus would have to close.

Everybody decided that they would have to find some way of helping Timmy to find his smile again.

What do you think they did?
I don't know. Do you?

WHEN YOU READ THE STORIES, REMEMBER TO TURN THE SMILE UP THE RIGHT WAY AGAIN.

Well authors, can you solve the problem and tell the story of how Joey found his smile again?

Well authors, Are you ready to ask your scribes to help you?

What colours is Timmy wearing?

Can you draw some more things for him to juggle?



Name _____



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Author _____

Scribe _____

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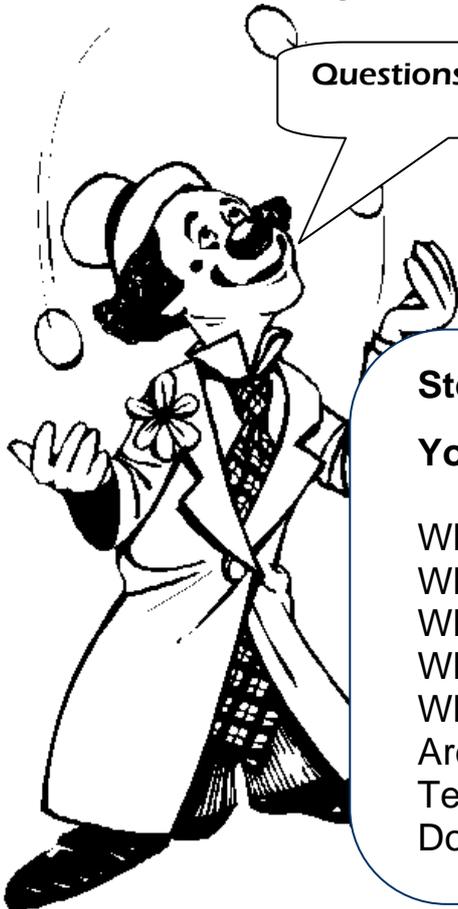
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Questions for scribes



Story idea 1

Timmy, the famous clown kept everybody laughing. Then, one day, he lost his smile.....

What was Timmy's circus like?
What other acts were in the circus?
Were there any other clowns?
What did Timmy look like?
What did he wear?
What were his best tricks?
Why was his smile so special?
What did people think when Timmy lost his smile?
How did they find out what was wrong?
How did they cheer him up?

Story idea 2

You are a famous clown in a circus.

What is your clown name?
What is your face like?
What do you wear?
What do you do to make people laugh?
What do you do best.?
Are there any other clowns in the circus?
Tell me about them
Do you like being a clown?