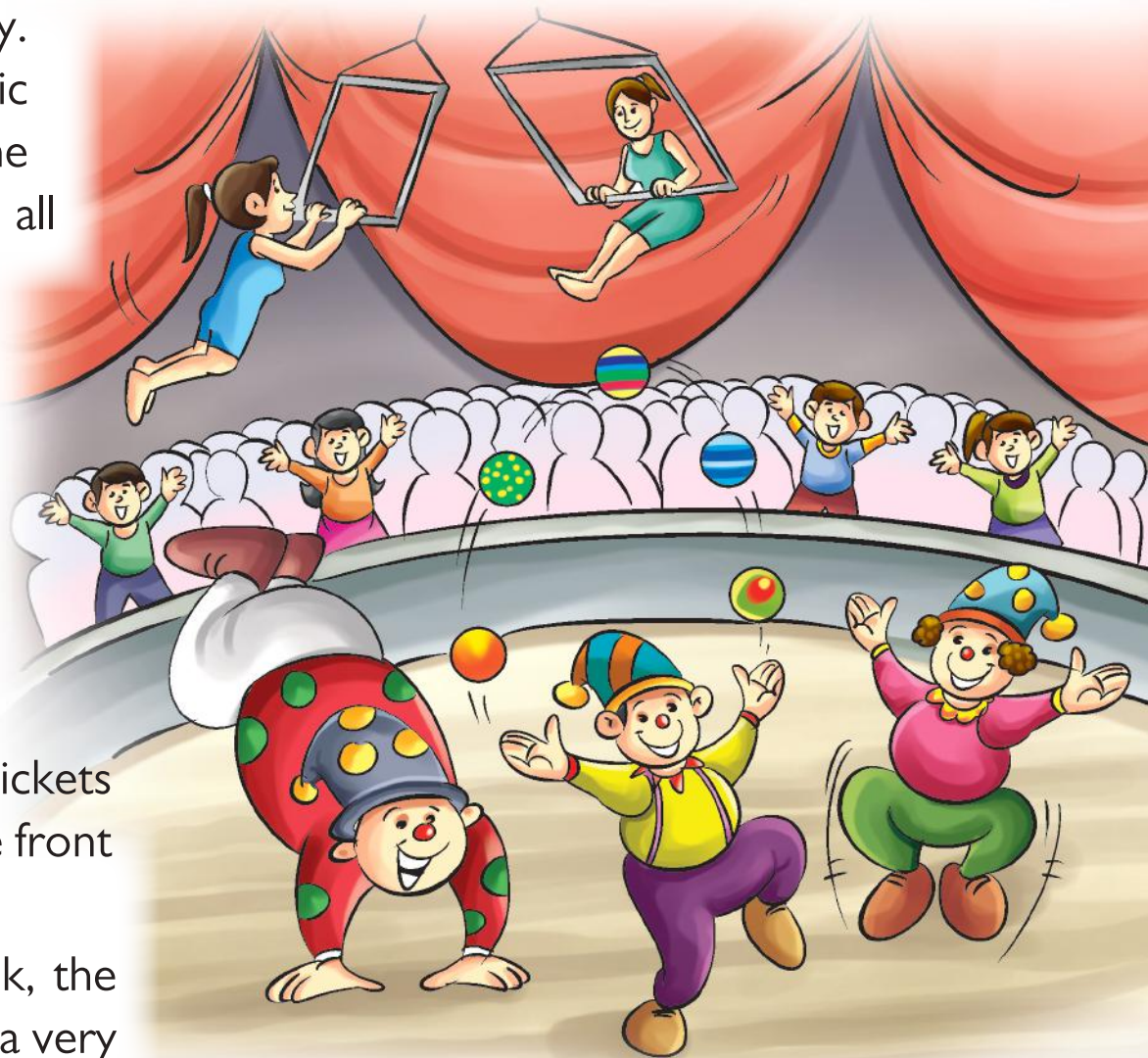


A Circus Show

It was a Sunday. The Great Olympic Circus had come to our town. We all brothers, sisters, cousins and our friends went to see it. The evening show had to start at 6 p.m. We reached there in time. We bought tickets and got seats in the front row.

At exact six o'clock, the music band played a very sweet tune. A number of lights lit up. Soon a number of **artists**, boys and girls came on the ring. They bowed in front of us. Then they walked in a circle round the ring and went away. Soon a clown and a **dwarf** appeared on the ring. They both wore colourful clothes. They made us laugh with their actions.

Meanwhile came a **juggler**. He walked on the ring playing **tricks** with a number of balls. The clowns tried to copy the juggler.



A magician showed his tricks. He produced a pigeon from an empty box. Some *gymnast girls* and boys came and twisted their body parts. Then some girls came swinging high on a trapeze.

People liked the acts very much. They clapped after every scene.

We enjoyed the whole show.

Word Treasure

artists : who produces art

juggler : magician

gymnast girls : sports girls

dwarf : pigmy

tricks : method



EXERCISE TIME

Comprehension Skills

A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

- The _____ played tricks with a number of balls.
a. gymnast b. juggler c. magician
- The _____ tried to copy the juggler.
a. clown b. trapeze c. magician
- What did the magician produce from an empty box ?
a. sweets b. a pigeon c. a hanky

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

dwarf, 6 p.m., juggler, trapeze, band

- The evening show was to start at _____.
- The music _____ played a very sweet tune.
- The clown and _____ wore colourful clothes.
- The clown tried to copy the _____.
- Some girls came swinging high on a _____.

C. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements :

1. At exact 6 p.m. the music band played a very sweet tune.
2. The juggler twisted his body parts.
3. People clapped after every scene.
4. The trapeze girls played tricks with a number of balls.
5. The clown and dwarf made people laugh with their actions.

D. Answer the following questions :

1. What type of dress did the clown and dwarf wear ?
2. When did the evening show of the circus start ?
3. Who played tricks with a number of balls ?
4. What did the magician produce from the empty box ?
5. Who twisted their body parts ?

Fun with Words

E. Here are some words naming the persons in a circus. Read and learn them :



1. clown



2. dwarf



3. juggler



4. gymnast



5. magician



6. trapeze girl

Essential Grammar

Simple questions are without 'wh' words (who, what, which, when, why).

Questions of present simple tense : We start the question with 'do' or 'does' and use first form of the verb.



Do you eat apple every day ?



Does she sing every night ?

Questions of past simple tense : We start the question with 'did' and use first form of the verb.



Did Maria dance for two hours ?



Did the dogs bark last night ?

F. Change the statements into questions :

1. I drink a glass of milk every morning.

2. I play badminton every evening.

3. Bertha does not like tea.

4. They wanted to eat ice-cream.

5. He drove a sports car.

Essential Speaking

G. Note the examples and talk in pairs :

Anita : I plucked flowers from the school garden.

Sandra : Don't pluck flowers.

Emma : I didn't brush today.

Sharon : Always brush in the morning.

Reena : Let us go to the library for a talk.

Jessie : Don't talk in the library.

Vicky : I'll speak to her loudly.

Joseph : Always speak softly.

John : My room is all messed up.

Sam : Keep your room tidy.

Susan : Let us run in this soft grass.

Annie : Don't walk on the grass.

Jim : Let us fly kite on the roof.

Dick : Don't fly kite on the roof.

Essential Writing

H. What kind of clown do you like to see? Describe it in four lines :