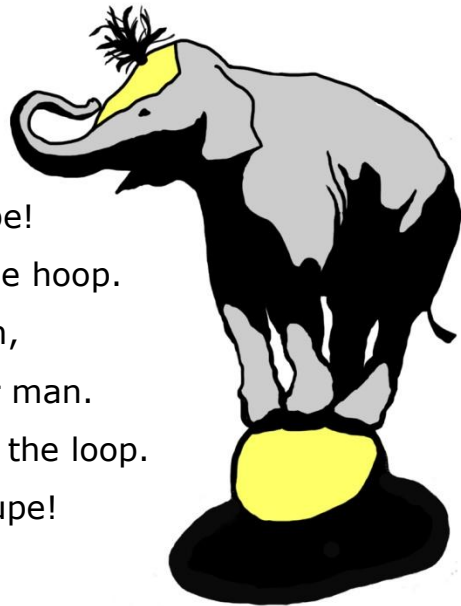


THE CIRCUS

By C.J. Dennis

Hey, there! Hoop-la! the circus is in town!
Have you seen the elephant? Have you seen the clown?
Have you seen the dappled horse gallop round the ring?
Have you seen the acrobats on the dizzy swing?
Have you seen the tumbling men tumble up and down?
Hoop-la! Hoop-la! the circus is in town!

Hey, there! Hoop-la! Here's the circus troupe!
Here's the educated, dog jumping through the hoop.
See the lady Blondin with the parasol and fan,
The lad upon the ladder and the india-rubber man.
See the joyful juggler and the boy who loops the loop.
Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey! Here's the circus troupe!



-
- 1 In the poem, the speaker most likely wishes to
- A play outside
 - B visit the circus
 - C see animals
 - D stay indoors

2 Which performer is mentioned at the end of the poem?

- A a dog jumping through a hoop
 - B the boy who loops the loop
 - C the elephant
 - D the clown
-

3 Which idea from the poem could not really happen?

- A a horse galloping round the ring
 - B acrobats on the dizzy swing
 - C tumbling men tumble up and down
 - D a man made of india-rubber
-

4 What is this poem mostly about?

- A Spending time at the circus
 - B Choosing which circus act is best
 - C Remembering the circus
 - D Excitement about the circus being in town
-

5 Read the chart.

Which phrase best fits the empty box?

- A Climb the ladder
- B Juggle balls in the air
- C Loop the loop
- D Ride the swing

Circus Performers	Action
Horses	Gallop around the ring
Acrobats	
Dogs	Jump through the hoops



Occasion Thinking Guide

Fiction, Literary Nonfiction, Poetry or Drama

Occasion What is the link? idea, setting, series of happenings, or situation	The circus is in town.
Significant Characters	A child
Outcome	A child expresses excitement over all the things he/she enjoys about the circus.

Summary:

While the circus arrives in town, a child expresses excitement over all the things he/she enjoys about the circus.

Teacher answer key:

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. D