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English test

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## Spelling

### The Circus



#### Instructions:

- Explain to the pupils that the complete passage will be read aloud while they follow in their own booklet.
- Explain to the pupils that they will hear the passage a second time and they should write in the words spoken by the teacher in the correct gaps.
- Allow the pupils sufficient time to write in the missing word before continuing to read the passage.

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### The Circus

Many people are very interested in circuses and circus schools nowadays, but circuses are not new. They           **began**           in Britain many years ago. In the early years the most           **popular**           attractions were the tricks performed on horseback.

Later, international circuses           **brought**           acts from around the world to           **towns**           and villages across Britain.           **Television**           also allowed a           **wider**           range of people to see the circus.

Although fewer people have visited the circus in           **recent**           years, circuses are still successful.



International touring circuses, including the Chinese State Circus, the Moscow State Circus and Circus Oz, regularly visit Britain. The Chinese State Circus includes

\_\_\_\_\_ *incredible* \_\_\_\_\_ balancing acts and plate

\_\_\_\_\_ *spinning* \_\_\_\_\_. The Moscow State Circus has a

varied programme of traditional skills. Circus Oz, the

Australian circus, is slightly different and some performers

play musical \_\_\_\_\_ *instruments* \_\_\_\_\_ while juggling!

In another act, a man is \_\_\_\_\_ *trapped* \_\_\_\_\_ inside a huge hamster wheel.

Circuses have certainly \_\_\_\_\_ *changed* \_\_\_\_\_ over the years

but they are always \_\_\_\_\_ *exciting* \_\_\_\_\_ to see, even if

some \_\_\_\_\_ *activities* \_\_\_\_\_ appear to be dangerous.

These include juggling with pretend \_\_\_\_\_ *knives* \_\_\_\_\_ and

the famous trick involving a magician sawing a woman in half!

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