



Barnum's World of Wonder

Learning Objectives

Students will:

- Understand that performers in the circus come from different countries.
- Recognize that people from different cultures enjoy similar forms of entertainment.
- Use maps or globes to locate different continents.

Lesson Materials

- *Ringling Bros.® Barnum's FUNundrum!*SM **Global Gratitude Game Handout**, one for each student
- A world map

Standards

Social Science: Students compare life in different places around the world and recognize that some aspects are different and some are similar.

Social Science: Spatial Thinking: Use map and globe skills to determine the absolute locations of places.

Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level-appropriate material; interpret information from charts.

Teacher Notes

The 140th Edition of *Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey®*, titled *Barnum's FUNundrum!*, brings the awe-inspiring joy of world-class entertainers, athletes and animal performances to the public with acts featuring performers from four of the world's seven continents.

Nearly every country and culture in the world has some sort of circus art forms—juggling, acrobatics, equestrian, aerials, animal acts or clowns. Each year *Ringling Bros.* brings together the greatest circus artists from around the world to create what is truly *The Greatest Show On Earth®*.

The international nature of the circus makes it a great way to talk to children about diversity, appreciating other cultures and geography. This lesson includes a worksheet that teaches geography and how to say "thank you" in 10 different languages. This worksheet also makes a great center activity and/or provides students with a meaningful and engaging activity while you are taking role in the morning.



Activity Directions

1. Ask: What life skills are needed to be sure everyone gets along and gets their jobs done?
2. Give students time to discuss the importance of patience, kindness and good manners. Encourage them to share times when they met people from different countries and what they learned from those experiences.
3. Show your students a map of the world. Ask them to name the countries as you point to them. Point to the 14 countries that are homes to this year's *Ringling Bros.*® stars! These are: Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, Mongolia, Paraguay, Peru, Romania, Russia, Trinidad, Ukraine, United States and Uruguay.
4. Distribute the Handout *Ringling Bros.*® *Barnum's FUNundrum!*™ **Global Gratitude Game**. Give one to each student. Review the directions on the map and allow students time to unscramble the country names. Encourage students to use a classroom world map if they are having trouble unscrambling the country names.
5. Review the directions for the activity called **Global Gratitude Game**. Allow time for students to complete the activity and practice saying "thank you" to each other in different languages.

Answer Key:

Xie Xie (syeh-syeh) 9-6	ANS: 3	China–Mandarin Chinese
Blagodarya (bla-go-da-ryah') 9-5	ANS: 4	Bulgaria–Bulgarian
Obrigado (oh-bree-gah'-doh) 2+3	ANS: 5	Brazil–Portuguese
Gracias (gra-see-us) 3+4	ANS: 7	Spain–Spanish
Spasibo (spah'-see-boh) 7+3	ANS: 10	Russia–Russian
Thank you 5+4	ANS: 9	U.S.A.–English
Dyakuyu (jah-koo'-yoo) 6-4	ANS: 2	Ukraine–Ukrainian
Gracias (gra-see-us) 4+8	ANS: 12	Argentina–Spanish
Gracias (gra-see-us) 13+3	ANS: 16	Cuba–Spanish
Vayarla (vah-yahr-lah') 9-3	ANS: 6	Mongolia–Mongolian
Aguije (ah-we-JAY)10-2	ANS: 8	Paraguay–Guarani
Multumesc (mool-tsu'-mehsk) 5+6	ANS: 11	Romania–Romanian
Thank you 9+8	ANS: 17	Trinidad–English
Gracias (gra-see-us) 16-3	ANS: 13	Uruguay–Spanish

Extension

Ask your class who has a relative or ancestor from another continent. Have students share the word for "thank you" in other languages they may speak.

Have your students interview an older person, asking about a circus memory from either the U.S. or another country. Have students write down the memory and put all of the memories into a book.



Name: _____

Global Gratitude Game

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® brings the world to YOU!

The Greatest Show On Earth® is one huge, wonderfully diverse family of men, women, children and animals, who live on a train and travel 30,000 miles a year, working, playing and learning together.

When all of the performers and the creative staff meet to rehearse the *Ringling Bros.*® production called *Barnum's FUNundrum!*SM, the director first gives the directions in English. A team of multi-lingual translators will then translate the directions into the different languages spoken by the performers.

Instructions

Unscramble the letters to find out the names of the 14 countries from which the performers in *Barnum's FUNundrum!* come. If you need help, consult a world map.

Write the correct answers on the lines below.

- S.U.A. _____
- NIPSA _____
- EKURIAN _____
- SISUAR _____
- URABIAGL _____
- LIMONGOA _____
- ICNAH _____

- MARIAON _____
- GRUYUAU _____
- YAPARGUA _____
- ZARBLI _____
- GENTRAIAN _____
- DATRINDI _____
- BACU _____





Name: _____

The Tremendously Terrific Thank You!

Does it feel good when someone says, "Thank you"?

Ringling Bros.® performers know that saying "Thank you" can help make friends! Now you can amaze your family and friends by saying thank you in the ten different languages spoken backstage by the performers in *Barnum's FUNundrum!*SM.

Complete the math problems in the **Global Gratitude Game** below.

To get the correct answers, draw a line from the math problem to the correct answer.

This will match each "Thank you" to the language and the country in which it is spoken.

Xie Xie (syeh-syeh)	9-6 =	16 - Cuba-Spanish
Blagodarya (bla-go-da-ryah')	9-5 =	6 - Mongolia-Mongolian
Obrigado (oh-bree-gah'-doh)	2+3 =	8 - Paraguay-Guarani
Gracias (gra-see-us)	3+4 =	2 - Ukraine-Ukrainian
Spasibo (spah'-see-boh)	7+3 =	9 - U.S.A. English
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Gracias (gra-see-us)	4+8 =	12 - Argentina-Spanish
Gracias (gra-see-us)	13+3 =	17 - Trinidad-English
Vayarla (vah-yahr-lah')	9-3 =	13 - Uruguay-Spanish
Aguije (ah-we-JAY)	10-2 =	10 - Russia-Russian
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