

Highlights

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LAUNCH THE FUN



The train could be over a mile long!



Until 2017, the circus traveled from city to city by train, carrying thousands of performers, animals, costumes, and more.

The circus train was like a small city on wheels. It had its own post office, candy store, barbershop, and kitchens!



The circus was the first place many people ever saw electric lighting! Early shows used electric light bulbs so the show could be seen at night.



In the late 1890s, Ringling had a special tent where guests could watch silent movies projected onto the ceiling. It was one of the earliest uses of movie technology at a circus!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Before the show starts, check out these fun facts about the circus!

Cotton candy was originally called "fairy floss." It quickly became a favorite circus treat because it looked like colorful clouds you could eat!

It was invented in 1897!



The famous phrase "The Greatest Show On Earth" has been associated with the Ringling name since the 1870s!

Circus costumes often use bright colors, crystals, and sparkly fabrics so performers can be seen clearly from every seat in the arena.



What amazes YOU about the circus?

HELLO FRIENDS

Welcome to the SHOW!

I'm SO happy you're here that I could chase my titanium tail! Wait, let me introduce myself—I am **Ringling Circus's robo-pup, Bailey Circuit**. Today, I am your *ruff*-tacular guide for the most high-flying, jaw-dropping party on the planet. Our new show is next-level family fun!

My awesome friends at Ringling have completely reimaged the circus with more flips, twists, jumps, and tumbles than ever before. And it's all set to high-energy music that will have you moving and grooving on the edge of your seat. Just try NOT to dance along!

Today's circus is brought to you by 65 performers from 17 countries—aerialists, acrobats, clowns, dancers, and so, so much more. And while the performers have been busy rehearsing, I've been racing around backstage sniffing out every new surprise. (Just wait until the craziest unicycle you've ever seen hits the stage—it's unforgettable!)

To give you a sneak peak of what you'll see only at Ringling, my friends at Highlights made this special edition magazine. **It's your all-access pass to the circus—here we go!**

Your friend,

Bailey
Circuit

Join me
for an
epic dance
battle!

Vroom,
Vroom!

THE CIRCUS MEETS MONSTER JAM

For the first time ever, Monster Jam and Ringling have joined forces to introduce Ringling Bailey Circuit, a Monster Jam truck inspired by Ringling's beloved robo-pup.

WORD SEARCH

Circus Search

We've hidden 23 Ringling words in this grid. They are hidden up, down, across, backward, and diagonally. Can you find them all before the show ends?

C Z L P T R A P E Z E L T
H J P N F Y T R A P T O R
O T J R E M R O F R E P O
O G S Z N I M B S W T W U
P U N I C Y C L E X A A P
D T S A L S A E I C H B E
I S C I T A B O R E K I B
V Y L L I S I O O N H E P
I J A O N Y B R M Z D Y O
N V J O W A E V E J X L P
G D E O T M R L M A Z I C
J N W R U R H K I K S M O
N D I S H G U A L A Y A R
U H I Y K C U L J D B F N
F C T I C T A C T R I O X
A P C O T T O N C A N D Y

WORD LIST

~~ACROBAT~~
AERIALIST
BAILEY
BIKE-ROBATICS
COTTON CANDY
DJ LUCKY
FAMILY
FUN
HOOP DIVING
LAUGH
MEMORIES
MUSIC
NEON
PARTY
PERFORMER
POPCORN
SALSA
SILLY
TIC TAC TRIO
TRAPEZE
TROUPE
UNICYCLE
WOW

DID YOU KNOW?

Many circus performers train 4-6 hours a day, just like Olympic athletes, to build strength, balance, and flexibility.



eyeglasses





GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Get the inside scoop on some of Ringling's dazzling acts—plus pro tips to try at home!



Double Wheel of Destiny

Four daredevils sprint, flip, and leap at dizzying speeds between massive spinning wheels suspended 30 feet in the air. The act requires strength, courage, and perfect timing, as performers must balance each other and power the wheels entirely themselves.

PRO TIP

Work on sprints. Pick a starting and stopping point, and time yourself. See if you can get faster with practice.



Hoop Diving

Hoop divers do gymnastic skills like front tucks, backflips, handsprings, and dive rolls through stacks of up to four hoops.

PRO TIP

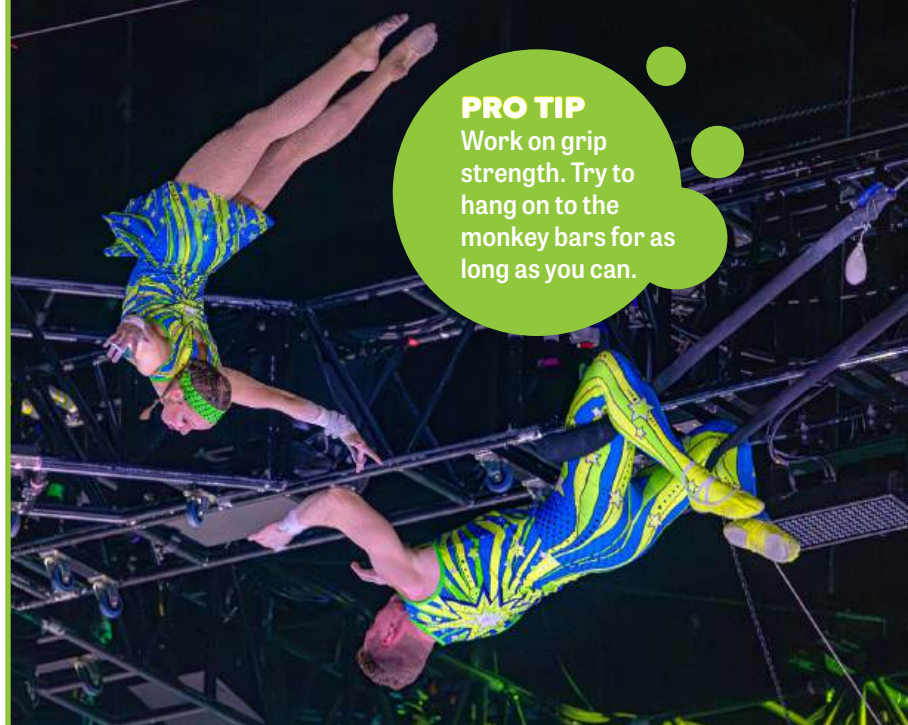
Work on your jumps. Stand near a wall, then jump as high as you can. Have a friend mark the height of your feet with tape. See if you can improve with practice.

Comedy Troupe

Nick Nack, Paddy Whack, and Jeff bring an energetic and playful energy to the stage, captivating audiences with funny stunts and juggling. They love to see people dancing, laughing, and playing along!

Scan here for awesome behind-the-scenes videos!





PRO TIP

Work on grip strength. Try to hang on to the monkey bars for as long as you can.

Criss-Cross Flying Trapeze

Trapeze artists soar so far above the crowd that they can see everything! The Flying Caceres troupe has a special “criss-cross” trapeze act, where they fly on two trapeze rigs that cross each other. Each artist releases one bar, does flips and twists, and then catches another bar—or is caught by a catcher. Can you imagine what it feels like to fly through the air like these performers?



Unicycle

You’ve probably never seen unicycles like the ones Wesley Williams rides! This “unicycle” has 25 stacked wheels and is about as high as a three-story building! Others have zigzags, sideways wheels, and offset wheels. “When I was six years old, I got a unicycle for Christmas, and that one gift changed everything for me,” says Wesley. He began performing in Florida, where he grew up, and then nationally and internationally. Now he designs his own unicycles. “Unicycling lets me be unique, creating brand-new unicycles and stunts people have never seen before,” he says.



Teeterboard

Imagine jumping more than 10 feet, landing on a teeter-totter, and launching your friend into the air, where they can use that height to do flips and twists. That’s teeterboard! The plank is made of strong wood that bends a little to create a spring effect, and mats are set up for performers to land on. “Every time I’m on stage I’m enjoying it one hundred percent!” says Eduardo Navas of the Tic Tac Trio.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many circus acts require perfect teamwork, with performers relying on each other’s strength and timing to complete a trick safely.



MAKE

What's Poppin'?

Ask an adult for help with anything sharp or hot.

15
Minutes

Serves
1

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Easy

Make Uni-Corn!

Put **popped popcorn**, **marshmallows**, **sprinkles**, and **pudding mix** in a bag, then shake! (Use butter spray to help powdery toppings stick).



This is
Floss!



Did you know
that cotton
candy was
invented by a
dentist?

This is
Maizey!



Did you
know that a
typical tub of
popcorn has
around 700
kernels?

BEHIND THE POP

Every kernel of popcorn contains starch, a type of nutrient known as a carbohydrate. And inside that starch is a bit of moisture in the form of water. When a kernel of

corn gets really hot, the water inside it turns into steam. This steam makes the starch soft and flexible. It also causes pressure to build in the kernel. And if you're cooking popcorn in a bag in the microwave, this same steam causes the

bag to puff up. When just enough pressure builds up—*pop!*—the kernel bursts open, releasing both the steam and the now softened starch. The exploded starch quickly cools, forming the tasty popcorn people know and love.

SPOT THE IMPOSTOR

Pass the Popcorn

Can you find
Maizey and Floss?
How about 12 bags
of cotton candy?

Big thrills need big trucks—one show can fill more than 30 trucks!



ROLLING INTO TOWN!

Are we there yet?!



How did the circus get to your city?

Specialized crews move the massive stages, props, and other equipment in trailers. After a show, everything is loaded back onto the trucks and moved to the next city, where it's unloaded and set up for a new audience.

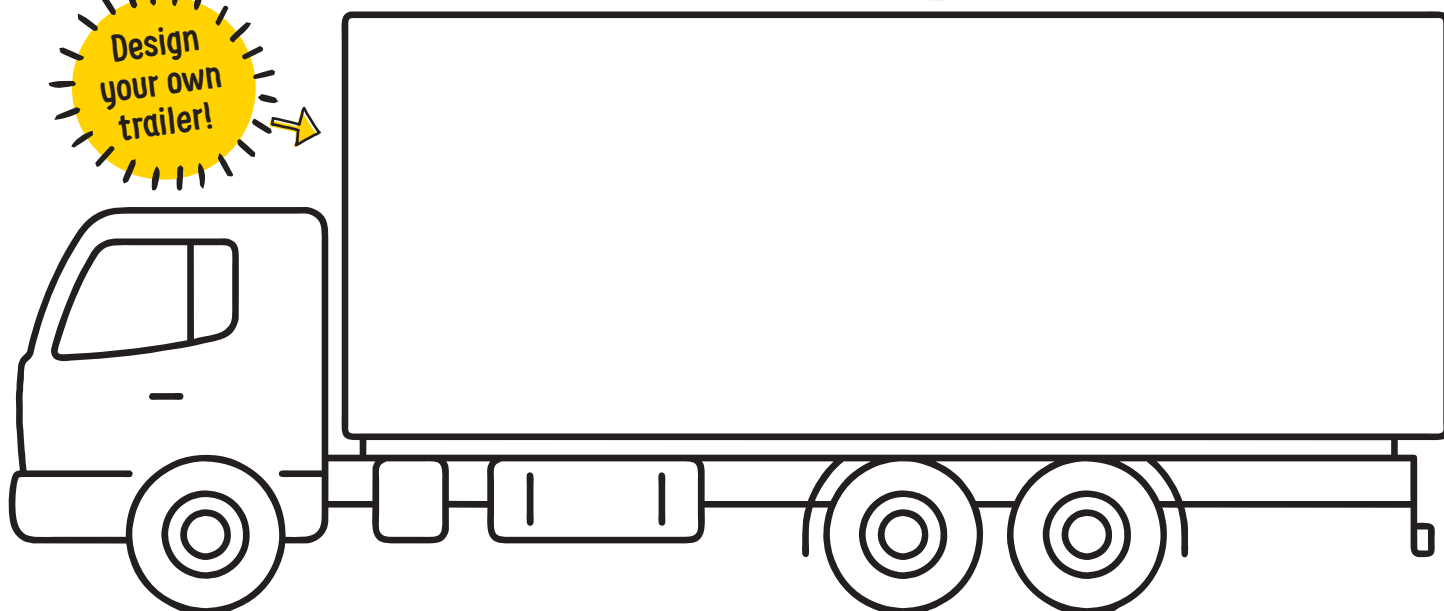


WHERE'S RINGLING NOW?

Follow the trucks to your town.



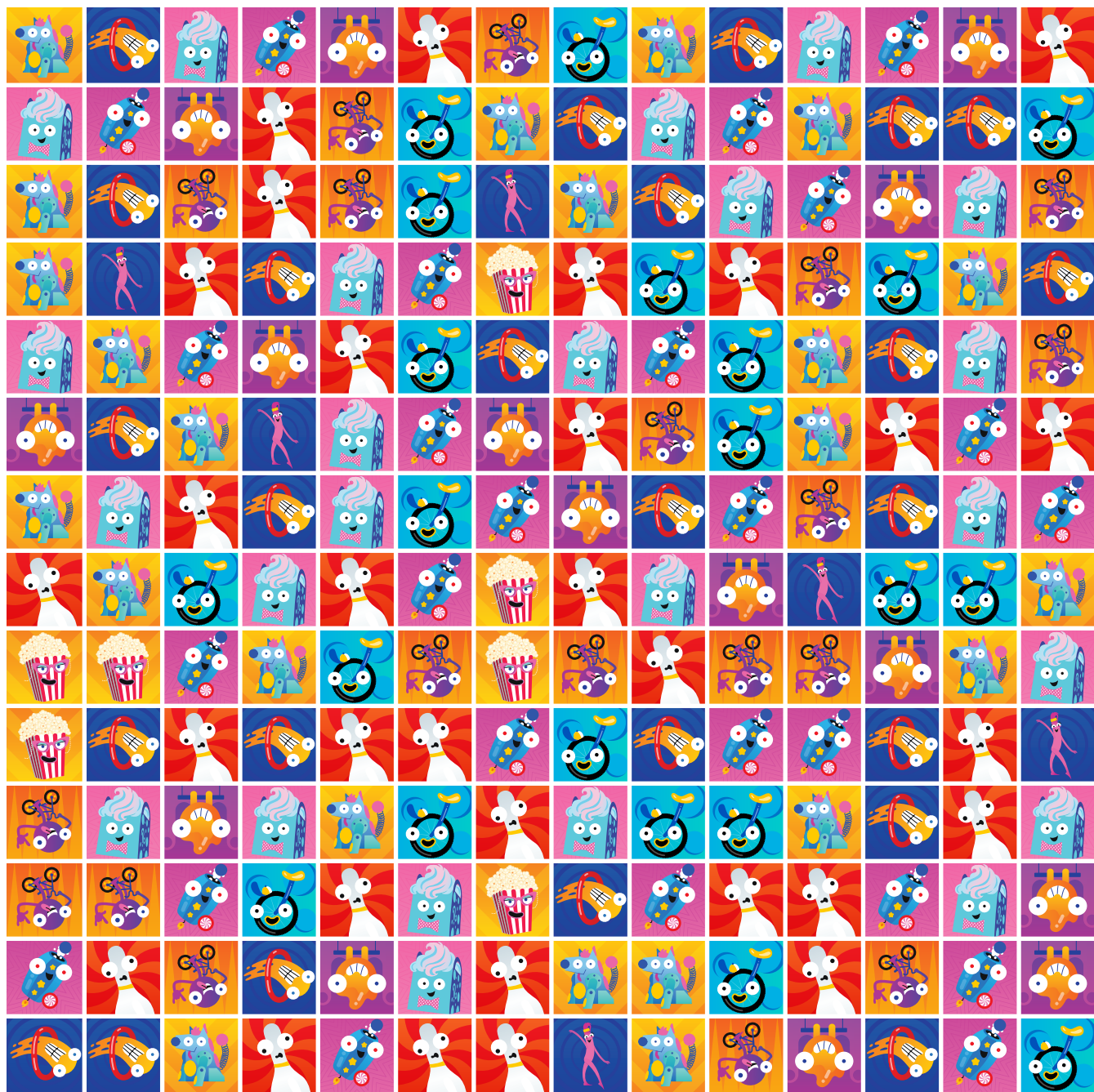
Design your own trailer!



Spectacular starts here! Every trailer is wrapped with a WOW design.



Can you find these patterns in the grid below?



WHAT'S WRONG?
It's up to you!

HEAD TO RINGLING.COM FOR TICKETS AND MORE CIRCUS FUN!