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Questions



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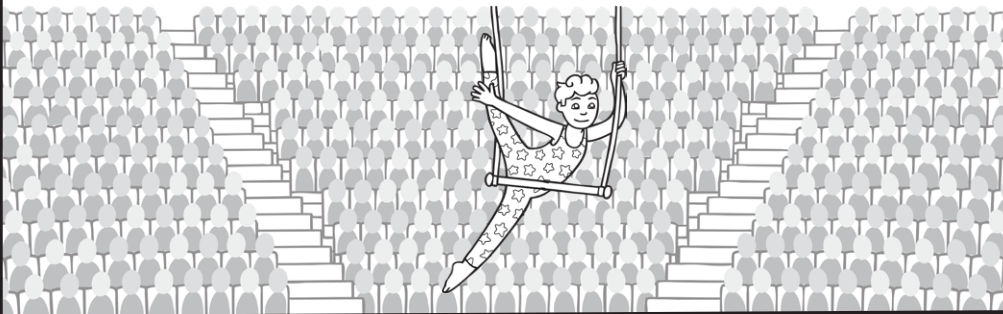
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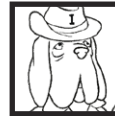


Answers



1. What was the child's favourite part of the show?

The child's favourite part of the show was the acrobats.



2. How do you think the child was feeling about going to the circus?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the child was excited because it says that their tummy leapt in excitement.



3. What is a **big top**? Read around the words to help you to understand what they mean.

A big top is a circus tent.



4. What do you think might happen next in the story?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they will clap for everyone at the end of the show.