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Common and Proper Nouns

At the Circus

Reading Level 3

Part One - Common Nouns

Directions: Read each of the following sentences. Choose the **common noun** from the options below. Circle your choice.



1. My cousin and I saw the posters on the bulletin board at the grocery store announcing the arrival of the circus in our town.
 - a) saw
 - b) cousin
 - c) and
 - d) announcing
2. Englishman John Bill Ricketts put on the first complete circus performance in the United States on April 3rd, 1793 in Philadelphia.
 - a) performance
 - b) complete
 - c) Philadelphia
 - d) Ricketts
3. America's first wild animal trainer, Isaac Van Amburgh, generated controversy as far back as 1830 due to his cruel treatment of animals.
 - a) generated
 - b) Amburgh
 - c) controversy
 - d) far
4. The animal rights group PETA believes that abuse has always been the primary method for training circus animals.
 - a) method
 - b) always
 - c) PETA
 - d) been
5. Static trapeze, also known as fixed trapeze, is a type of circus art performed on the trapeze bars but, in contrast to other forms of trapeze, the bars and ropes mainly stay in place.
 - a) performed
 - b) and

c) retiring

d) activists

30. Students did not have to pay any tuition to attend the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College.

a) Students

b) attend

c) Clown College

d) tuition