



THE MAD-LIB
WORLD OF
THE CIRCUS

When he was only ten years old, the magician, Pietro Bergamo, and his twin brother, Luciano, joined a traveling circus and started performing as the "The Amazing Bergamo Brothers." As they discovered, circus life is very crunchy/sloshy/gross/electric/delicious/mad... Just like a mad-lib!

Without telling your friends or family members what these stories are about, ask them for words to fill in the blanks. Then read the stories back to them, and find out just how wacky/reptilian/slimy/criminal a circus can be!

"My Life in the Circus"

When I was _____ years old, my _____ and I had a terrible fight over _____ . So I ran away and joined the circus. I tried several different acts. I tried swallowing _____. I tried juggling _____. I even stuck _____ through my fingers! But none of these acts were successful. Then one day, I discovered that I could _____ with my _____ ! I called my new act the _____. It was an overnight sensation!

"The Runaway"

My family has been in the circus business forever. My mother is a(n) _____ trainer. My father rides a(n) _____ through flaming _____. My grandparents are an acrobat act called the Flying _____s. As for me, I sold tickets and cleaned the _____ out of the _____ cages. I dreamed of having my own act one day. But my little sister, _____, hated the circus. She couldn't stand all the excited kids, with _____ on their faces, or the other circus folk who called her "_____." She especially hated having to move from place to place all the time. One day, she ran off with a(n) _____ that she met in _____. My family is very sad that _____ ran away from the circus.

“The Magician”

I love it when the circus comes to town! The act I like the most is _____.
male title (like Mr. or Sir)
_____, the _____, _____.
male first name adjective word/name ending in “o” I visited his tent every day! Here’s
how his act always went: The _____ would appear on stage in a
adjective word/name ending in “o”
cloud of _____ smoke, wearing a _____ on his head, and a cape
color something in your hall closet
with _____ drawn all over it. At his feet lay a _____.
insect kind of amphibian
He was assisted by a
young _____ woman wearing nothing but _____ from head to toe. With
hair color something sparkly
a shout of his magic word, “_____,” he would transform his wand into a(n)
Magic Word
_____. Then, he would hypnotize his assistant, making her _____ like a(n)
object animal noise
_____. For the big finish, he would turn the _____ into a _____, and it
animal amphibian something that flies
would fly away!

STORY 4:

My favorite thing about the circus is the food! Nothing beats the taste of a
_____, coated in batter, and deep-fried in _____ oil! Or a thick slab of
piece of sporting equipment rodent
_____ meat, drowned in _____, and served on a stick! Of course, you have
fantasy creature condiment
to wash it all down with a tall cup of _____, flavored with _____ and lots of
liquid spice
_____ juice. Yum! To top it all off, you have to go to the “Sweet Tooth Booth,”
internal organ
piled with candied _____, and _____ dipped in chocolate. There’s also cotton
body parts bugs
candy in all flavors, like _____, _____, and _____.
something gross something even grosser the grossest thing of all
After a day at the circus, your stomach might feel a little _____, but it’s worth it!
adjective