

Exploring the World of Circus Arts

Circus Arts · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which circus apparatus involves a performer balancing and rotating on a large, suspended hoop?

- A) Trapeze
- B) Lyra (Aerial Hoop)**
- C) Juggling Pins
- D) Rola Bola

2. What is the traditional term for a circus performer who uses a large canvas umbrella to balance objects or themselves?

- A) Juggler
- B) Acrobat
- C) Diabolo Artist
- D) Rocker**

3. The art of manipulating multiple objects in the air simultaneously is known as:

- A) Contortion
- B) Rope Walking
- C) Juggling**
- D) Magic

4. Which of these circus acts typically involves a performer bending their body into unusual shapes and positions?

- A) Clowning
- B) Contortion**
- C) Fire Breathing
- D) Knife Throwing

5. What is the name of the long, flexible pole with weights on each end, often used in balancing acts?

- A) Chinese Pole
- B) Balancing Pole**
- C) Tightrope
- D) Unicycle

6. In a traditional circus, who is the character known for making audiences laugh through physical comedy and exaggerated actions?

- A) Ringmaster
- B) Acrobat
- C) Clown**
- D) Magician

7. What is the French term for the circus art form that involves performing feats of strength and agility on a vertical pole?

- A) Aerial Silk
- B) Cyr Wheel
- C) Chinese Pole**
- D) Trapeze

8. Which circus skill involves a performer walking along a stretched wire or rope high above the ground?

- A) Slacklining
- B) Rope Walking (or Tightrope Walking)**
- C) High Wire
- D) Free Solo Climbing

9. What is the primary function of a ringmaster in a traditional circus?

- A) To perform acrobatics
- B) To announce acts and guide the audience**
- C) To operate the circus equipment
- D) To sell tickets

10. The art of manipulating a spinning top with strings and rods, often creating intricate patterns, is called:

- A) Plate Spinning
- B) Diabolo**
- C) Yo-yoing
- D) Ball Rolling

11. What is the name for a circus act where performers swing from ropes or bars in a choreographed sequence, often involving flips and catches?

- A) Silks
- B) Trapeze**
- C) Aerial Straps
- D) Lyra

12. Which circus act involves performers manipulating and spinning plates on sticks?

- A) Ball Juggling
- B) Plate Spinning**
- C) Hat Juggling
- D) Cup and Ball

13. What is the term for the performer who rides a single large wheel on the ground, often performing acrobatic moves while doing so?

- A) Bicycle Acrobat
- B) Monocycle Rider
- C) Cyr Wheel Artist
- D) Unicyclist**

14. The art of creating illusions and performing tricks with objects like cards or coins is known as:

- A) Escapology
- B) Illusionism
- C) Sleight of Hand**
- D) Mentalism

15. What circus apparatus consists of two fabric silks hanging from the ceiling, which performers climb, wrap, and create shapes with?

- A) Aerial Hoop
- B) Aerial Straps
- C) Aerial Silks (or Tissue)**
- D) Trapeze

16. What is the name for a circus performer who specializes in throwing and catching knives, often with impressive accuracy?

- A) Axe Thrower
- B) Blade Master
- C) Knife Thrower**
- D) Sharpshooter

17. The act of performing acrobatic feats on a long, flexible board balanced on a rolling cylinder is known as:

- A) Balance Board
- B) Slackline
- C) Rola Bola**
- D) Tightrope

18. What is a common term for a circus tent, often characterized by its large size and pointed roof?

- A) Pavilion
- B) Marquee
- C) Big Top**
- D) Dome