

Circus Arts Fundamentals

Circus Arts · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. What is the name of the device used by aerialists to perform stunts high above the circus ring?

A) Trapeze

B) Trampoline

C) Stilts

D) Unicycle

2. Which circus performer specializes in keeping multiple objects like balls or clubs in the air at once?

A) Magician

B) Juggler

C) Clown

D) Tightrope walker

3. What is the name of the large, circular tent that traditionally houses circus performances?

A) Pavilion

B) Big Top

C) Canopy

D) Dome

4. Which balance-based circus skill involves walking along a thin, tensioned wire or rope?

A) Stilt walking

B) Contortion

C) Tightrope walking

D) Acrobatics

5. A unicycle is a cycle that has how many wheels?

A) Three

B) Four

C) Two

D) One

6. What are the heavy-duty shoes worn by some circus performers to increase their height called?

A) Stilts

B) Platforms

C) Cleats

D) Boots

7. Which term describes a circus performer who can bend and twist their body into unusual positions?

A) Strongman

B) Contortionist

C) Acrobat

D) Mime

8. What is the primary function of a safety net during a high-flying trapeze act?

A) To catch props

B) To catch performers

C) To provide shade

D) To decorate the stage

9. What does a circus clown traditionally wear on their nose as part of their costume?

A) A red ball

B) A blue star

C) A green mask

D) A yellow feather

10. Which circus act involves performers standing on each other's shoulders to form a tall structure?

A) Pyramid

B) Shadow play

C) Tightrope

D) Aerial silks

11. What is the term for a circus performer who specializes in tricks involving strength, such as lifting heavy weights?

A) Acrobat

B) Strongman

C) Juggler

D) Ringmaster

12. What do performers use to spin around their waist or limbs during a hula hoop act?

- A) Ropes
- B) Ribbons
- C) Hoops**
- D) Batons

13. Who is the person responsible for introducing the acts and managing the flow of the circus show?

- A) The Clown
- B) The Stage Manager
- C) The Ringmaster**
- D) The Ticket Seller

14. Which material is most commonly used for aerial silks, allowing performers to climb and wrap themselves?

- A) Leather
- B) Metal
- C) Fabric**
- D) Wood

15. What is the main goal of a circus acrobat?

- A) To tell jokes
- B) To perform feats of agility and balance**
- C) To sell snacks
- D) To design costumes

16. Which circus prop is often used to add visual flair to an act by being spun in the air?

- A) Batons**
- B) Anvils
- C) Bricks
- D) Sandbags

17. What type of circus act involves performers leaping and flipping across a padded floor or mat?

- A) Tightrope walking
- B) Tumbling**
- C) Unicycling
- D) Clowning

18. In circus arts, what is the 'ring' usually filled with?

A) Water

B) Sand or sawdust

C) Grass

D) Concrete