

# EMMETT KELLY BIO

Read the text and complete with the correct word.

Emmett Kelly was one of the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ famous American clowns of the 20th century. He was born (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1898 in Kansas and started his career as an artist, drawing pictures of circus life. Later, he (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to join the circus himself. Instead of playing a happy clown, Kelly created a new character called "Weary Willie." Weary Willie was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ sad, silent clown who looked poor and tired, with big shoes, old clothes, and a dirty face. This style of clowning was very different from what people were used to, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ audiences loved him. Kelly performed in many circuses, including the famous Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. One of his most famous routines was pretending (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a spotlight off the stage. Even today, Emmett Kelly is remembered as a unique and creative clown (7) \_\_\_\_\_ changed the way people think about circus comedy.

