



READING

A webpage

- 1 Tell your partner two things you know about the circus and two things you want to know about the topic.



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- 2 Read the webpage. What is it about?

- 1 A visit to the circus
- 2 Life in a circus family
- 3 A circus school

MEET THE *Flying* CORTES FAMILY

Ysabella Wallenda-Cortes isn't from a typical family. She's from a circus family. Ysabella is a trapeze artist like her parents. Her parents' names are Robinson and Alida. She's got two brothers, Lucas and Tomas, but she hasn't got any sisters.

Ysabella's uncle and aunt are in the circus, too. Her uncle Alex is her dad's brother and he's an acrobat and a trapeze artist. Her aunt Aurelia is her mum's sister and she's one of Ysabella's teachers. Her grandparents, Olinka and Tino, are also part of the circus. Olinka isn't a performer any more. Her job is to help the rest of the family. Tino is in his 60s but he's still a tightrope walker. Lucas and Tomas haven't got jobs in the circus ... yet!

Where is home? They've got two homes – one in the USA and a mobile home. The mobile home is also a school during tours. Imagine a school on wheels!



- 3 Find words in the webpage to match the photos.

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acrobat

b

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- Read the webpage again. Complete the sentences with the correct family words.

Ysabella's ...

- 1 parents are trapeze artists.
- 2 _____ is an acrobat and a trapeze artist.
- 3 _____ is a circus teacher.
- 4 _____ aren't circus performers yet.



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- Correct the sentences.

- 1 Ysabella Cortes is a tightrope walker.
Ysabella Cortes isn't a tightrope walker.
She's a trapeze artist.
- 2 Robinson and Alida are brother and sister.

- 3 Lucas and Tomas are cousins.

- 4 Alida and Aurelia are friends.



Voice it!

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- Discuss the questions.

- 1 What do you think is a typical family?
- 2 Is family life in the circus like your family life? Why / Why not?
- 3 What are the good and bad things about life in the circus?



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