

# SURPRISE CIRCUS STAR

Read the story. Write some words to complete the sentences about the story. Use 1, 2 or 3 words.

Last Saturday, the Sunshine Circus came to town. Families stood in a long line outside the big red tent. Children held popcorn and balloons while they waited to go inside. Everyone was excited because the circus only visited once a year.

At the same time, Max, a friendly brown dog, was walking in the park with his owner, Mrs. Lopez. Max loved the park, but he loved exploring even more. When Mrs. Lopez stopped to tie her shoe, Max saw something amazing—a bright parade of circus performers walking toward the tent! There were clowns, acrobats, and even a man on stilts. Before Mrs. Lopez could grab his leash, Max ran after them.

Inside the circus tent, the ringmaster was ready to start the show. "Welcome to the Sunshine Circus!" he called. Just then, Max slipped under the curtain and trotted into the center ring. The crowd gasped.

A clown tried to catch him, but Max thought it was a game. He ran in circles, jumped through a small hoop, and even balanced on a low ball for a few seconds. The audience began to laugh and cheer. "Look at the talented dog!" someone shouted.

Finally, Mrs. Lopez arrived, out of breath. The ringmaster smiled and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, our surprise star—Max the Magnificent!" The crowd clapped loudly as Max wagged his tail. He didn't mean to steal the show, but he certainly did.

## Examples

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## Questions

1. Mrs. Lopez had a dog named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Max saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of clowns and acrobats.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed the people to the show.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ tried to catch Max.
5. Max jumped through a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The audience began to \_\_\_\_\_ and cheer.
7. The crowd clapped and Max wagged his \_\_\_\_\_.

