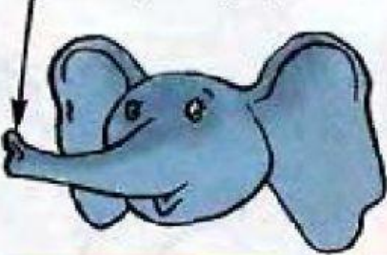


Dumbo.

(After Helen Aberson)

1. Wordbank.

a trunk [trʌŋk] 	to laugh [lɑ:f] 	a clown [klaʊn] 
a parade [pə'reɪd] 	a feather ['feðə] 	a wing [wɪŋ] 

2. Fill in the gaps with the new words.

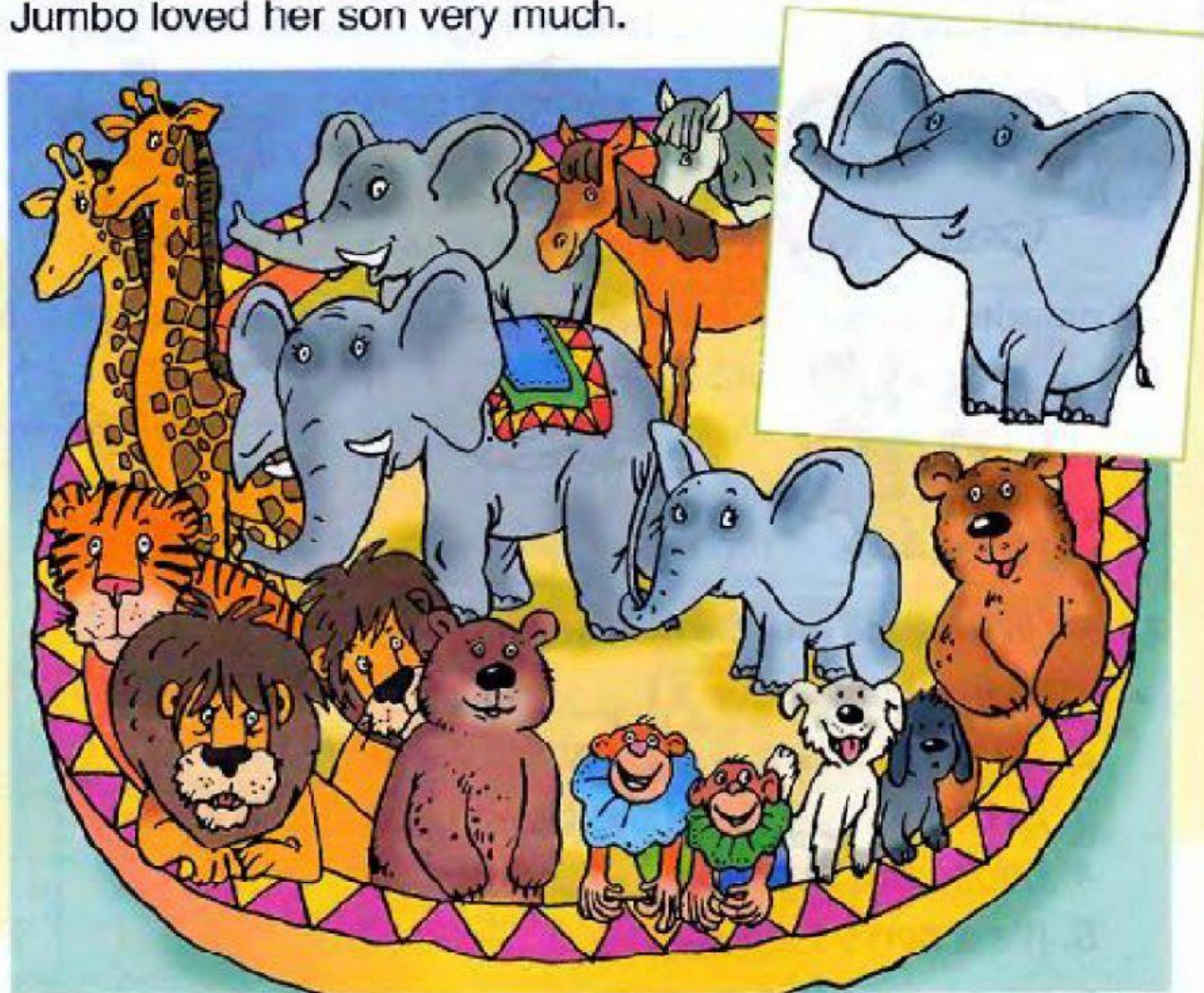
1. All elephants have a t_____.
2. My uncle is a c_____ at the circus.
3. Children l_____ at the clown because he's funny.
4. Birds have two w_____.
5. It's a hen's f_____.

3. Is this true or false? Read the story and check.

1. Dumbo is a clown.
2. Dumbo is funny.
3. Mrs Jumbo is Dumbo's mother.
4. Timothy is a mouse.
5. Elephants can fly.

Dumbo ['dʌmbə]
Jumbo ['dʒʌmbə]
Timothy ['tɪməθɪ]

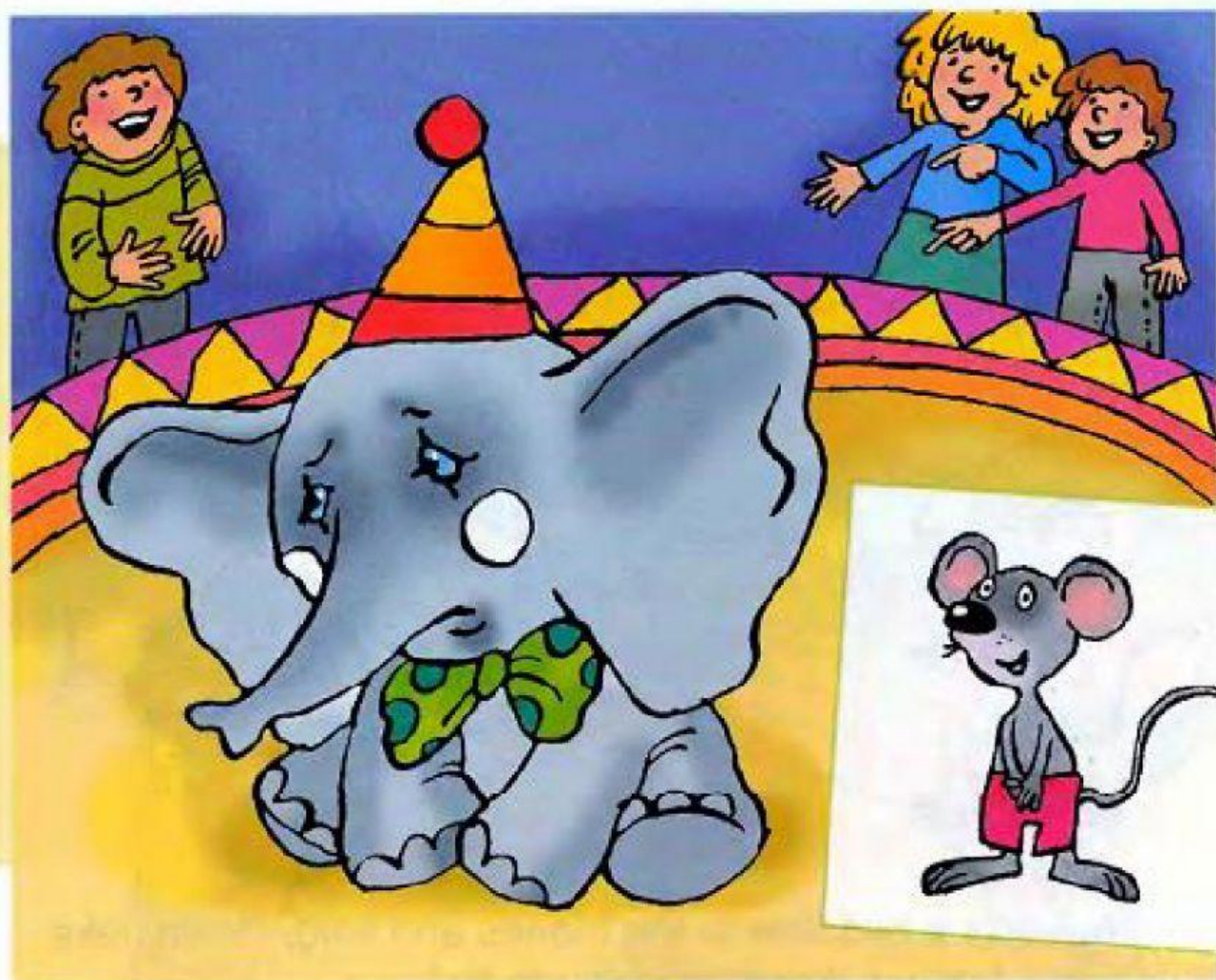
This story started one spring morning. The circus came to the town. All the people and animals were happy. The happiest of all was Mrs Jumbo, the elephant. She had a new baby elephant. Other animals called the baby Dumbo. They laughed at him because his ears were very, very big. But Mrs Jumbo loved her son very much.



In the morning there was a great parade. Horses and giraffes, funny monkeys and dogs, lions and tigers, bears and elephants walked down the street. People watched the parade and cheered¹.

¹ cheered — приветствовали.

Suddenly they saw Dumbo. "Look! Look at that silly animal with big ears! He can't be an elephant... he's a clown!" cried the children and laughed. Dumbo was very sad. He went behind his mother. He wanted to walk faster but he fell down. The people laughed even louder¹.

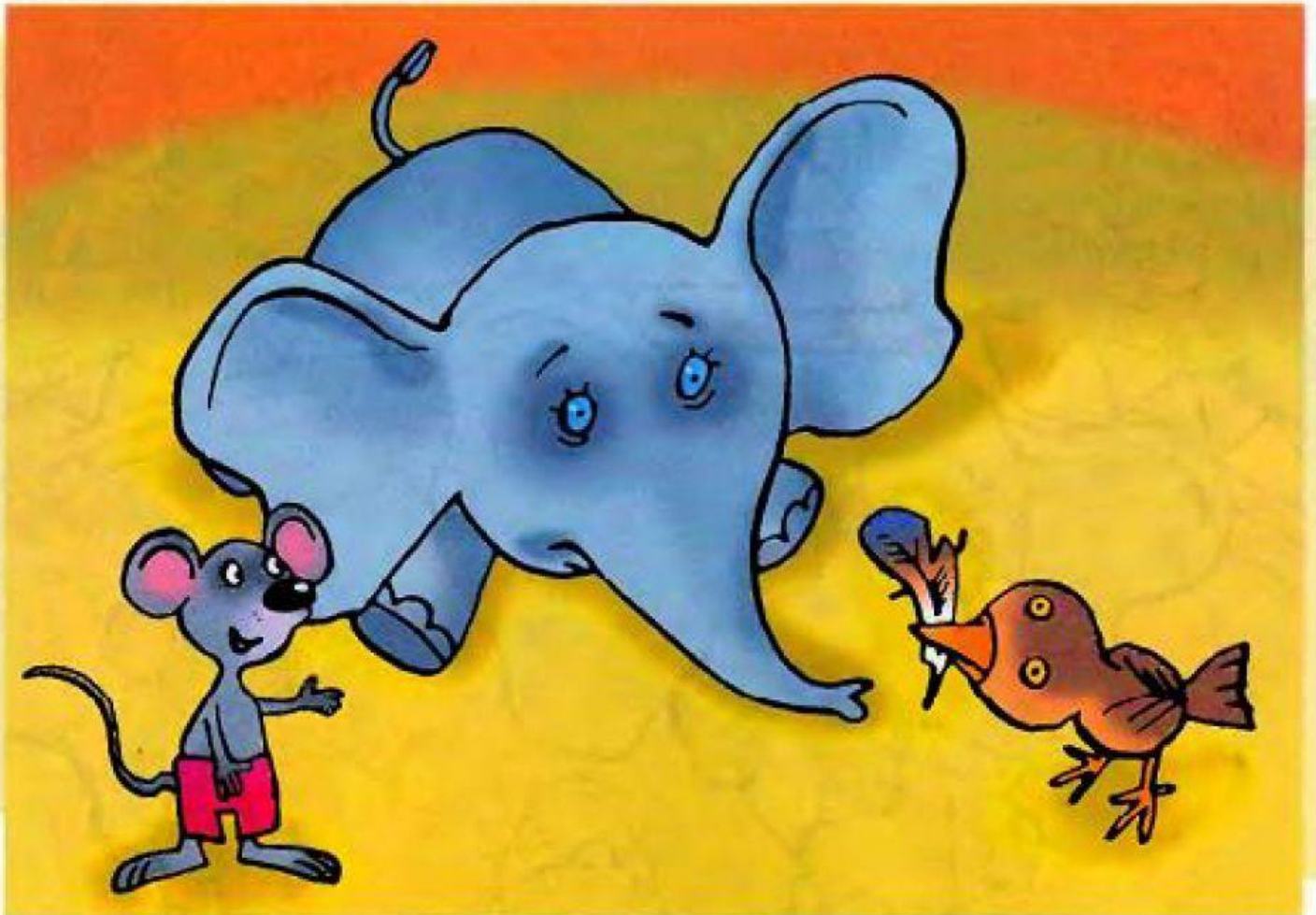


The next day they made Dumbo into a clown. They dressed him in a baby dress and put a hat on his head. He played in the funniest act in the show. Dumbo didn't like it. He didn't want to be a clown. He was very sad. The smallest animal in the circus was Timothy the Mouse. He wanted to help Dumbo. "Hi, Dumbo!

¹ louder — громче.

I'm your friend. I can help you. Your ears are beautiful! Your big ears look like wings. I can teach you to fly¹," said Timothy.

And Timothy started teaching Dumbo to fly. The elephant wanted to learn but he fell down². He was very tired. "I can't fly," he said. "Let's stop."



Suddenly a bird flew to the friends and said, "Here, take this magic feather. It can help you to fly."

Dumbo took the feather and up went his ears. And... and... he flew! He flew like a bird! The feather helped!

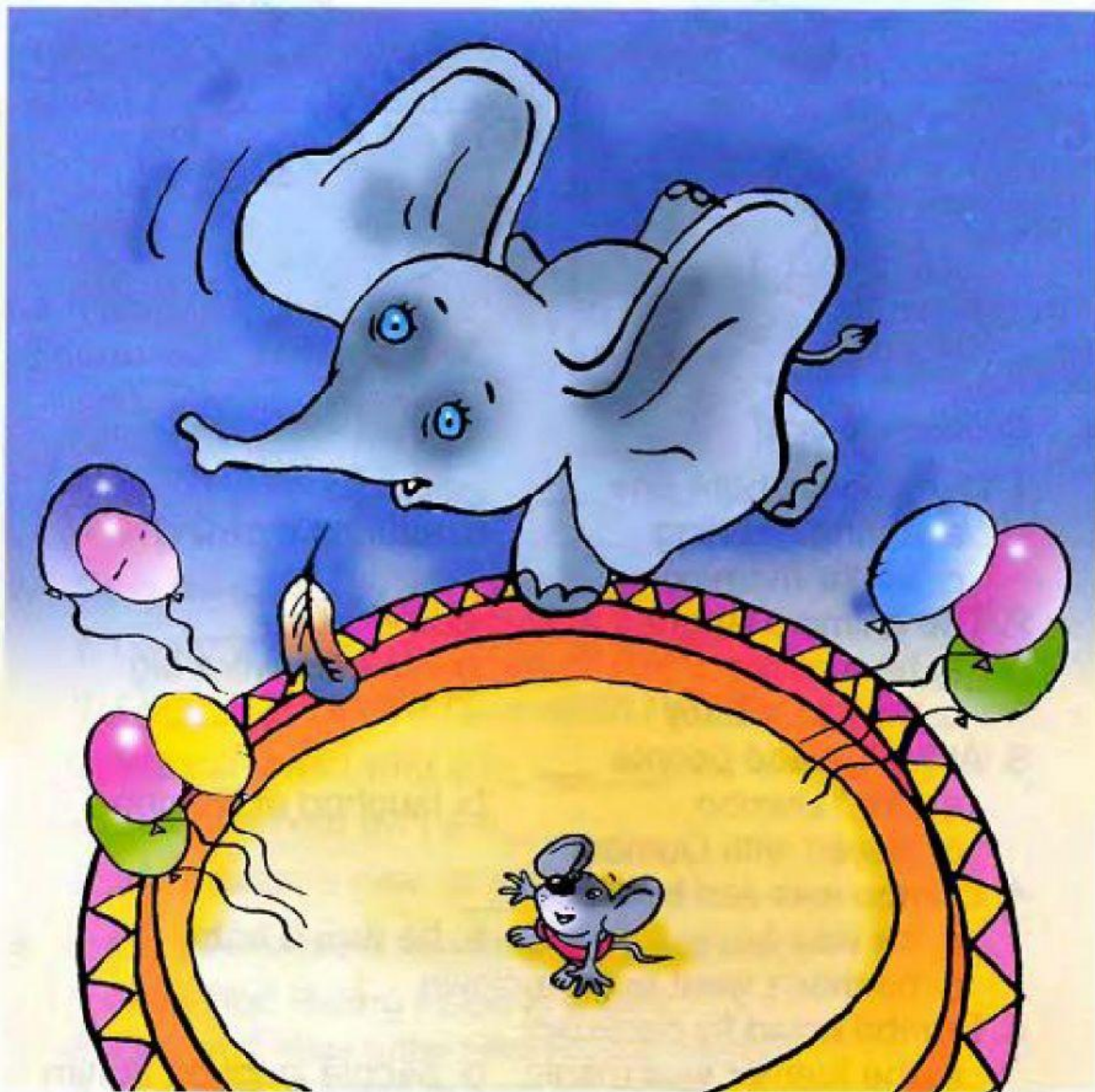
"Hooray!" shouted³ Timothy. "You can fly!"

Dumbo got dressed into his costume for the evening show. Timothy gave him the magic feather. It was time for

¹ fly (flew) — летать; ² fell down — упал; ³ shouted — закричал.

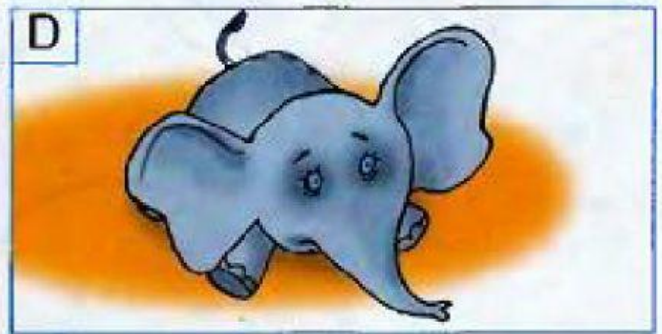
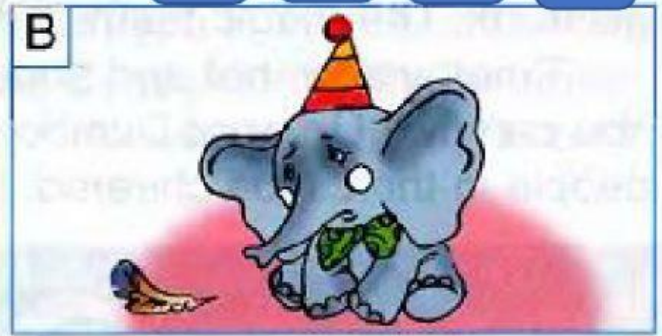
his trick. Dumbo jumped but the black feather slipped¹ from his trunk. The magic feather! And Dumbo fell down.

Timothy saw that and shouted, "The feather isn't magic! You can fly!" Up went Dumbo's ears and ... he flew up! The people in the circus cheered. Dumbo became a hero!



¹slipped — выскользнуло.

4. Put the pictures in the correct order.



5. Choose a, b or c.

1. Dumbo was born one ____.
a. spring morning b. autumn morning
c. winter morning
2. The animals laughed at Dumbo because ____.
a. he was big b. his ears were big
c. he was a baby
3. At the parade people ____.
a. liked Dumbo b. laughed at Dumbo
c. played with Dumbo
4. Dumbo was sad because ____.
a. he was funny b. he was a baby
c. he didn't want to be a clown
5. Dumbo could fly because ____.
a. the feather was magic b. people laughed at him
c. Timothy helped him

6. Do you like Dumbo? Why?