

Word Families

noun	development	Joshua Brown's introduction of the circus tent was an important contribution to the development of the circus.
noun	developer	Philip Astley is known as the developer of stunt riding.
verb	develop	The circus has developed in different ways over the years.

noun	entertainment	The circus is still a favorite form of entertainment today.
noun	entertainer	The job of a circus entertainer looks like fun, but it is really very difficult.
verb	entertain	People often hire clowns to entertain children at parties.
adjective	entertaining	We spent a very entertaining afternoon at the circus.

noun	permanence	The permanence of the circus as a form of entertainment shows how much people enjoy it.
adjective	permanent	Unlike the traveling bands of performers, court jesters had permanent jobs.
adverb	permanently	Circuses don't stay in one place permanently but travel around from city to city.

ESSENTIAL WORDS FOR THE IELTS

noun	popularity	The circus still enjoys great popularity.
verb	popularize ¹	Joshua Brown helped to popularize the circus in America.
adjective	popular	The circus is popular all over the world.
adverb	popularly	The modern circus is popularly known as the Big Top.

noun	survival	The survival of the circus is due to its ability to change with the times.
noun	survivor	The circus as a form of entertainment is a survivor of the hard times of the Dark Ages.
verb	survive	The circus has survived in many forms throughout the centuries.

noun	trainer	A circus animal trainer has to be able to work with exotic animals.
verb	train	Some animals are easier to train than others.
adjective	trained	Many circuses use trained elephants in their show.

¹BrE: popularise

Word Family Practice

Choose the correct word family member from the list below to complete each blank.

The **1**..... of the modern circus began in England in the eighteenth century. A skilled horseback rider¹ **2**..... audiences with stunt riding. He later added other kinds of performances to the show, such as clowns and **3**..... animals. The show became very **4**....., and the idea spread to other countries. The circus has **5**..... the test of time and is still enjoyed by people today. It holds a **6**..... place in our hearts.

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| 1. development | developer | developed |
| 2. entertainment | entertainer | entertained |
| 3. trainers | trains | trained |
| 4. popularity | popularize | popular |
| 5. survival | survivors | survived |
| 6. permanence | permanent | permanently |

¹BrE: horse rider