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GANDEY'S CIRCUS

History of British circus

Read the facts below and circle whether you think they are true or false

1. The ringmaster of a circus can only be male True False

2. It was once common for circus elephants to bathe in rivers in the UK True False

3. The founder of British circus was from Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Staffordshire True False

4. Circuses in the UK no longer exist True False

5. A clown church service takes place every year in London True False

6. Circuses have existed for over 250 years True False

7. Someone who runs away to join the circus is called a 'jossler' True False

8. Circuses have only been held outside in what is known as a 'big top' True False

9. The word 'circus' came after the invention of the circus itself True False

10. In Victorian Britain, it was thought that 15,000 people were working in the circus True False

