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Vocabulary

Ringmaster - director del circ

Fierce - ferotge

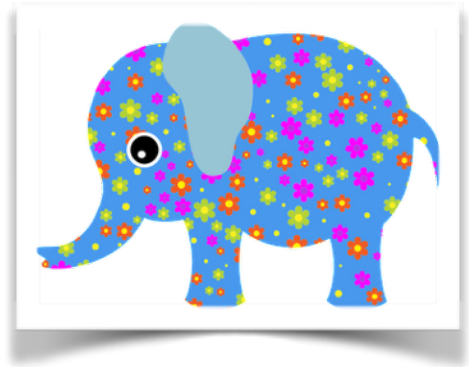
Clown - pallaso

Laugh - riure

Rush - anar amb pressa

Trunk - trompa

Square - plaça



The Happy Elephant

Avui el nostre conte va d'un elefant que es diu Mabella que ajuda amb una família quan es cala foc a casa seva

Steven was happy. It was the day of the circus!

At eight o'clock Steven and his parents arrived at the huge red and white striped tent called the 'Big Top'.

The ringmaster shouted in a loud voice, 'Good evening, ladies and gentlemen!'

Then the lights came on and there were a man and a woman on a huge swing. They flew through the air. 'Ooooo!' shouted the people every time they flew. It was really exciting.

A door opened and the lions ran into the ring – there were six of them all looking very fierce.

The man in the middle was the lion tamer. Steven watched as he put his head in the biggest lion's mouth.

After the lions came the clowns. They were wearing blue and yellow and red with spots of green. They had red noses and painted faces and curly orange hair. They fell over, told lots of jokes and did lots of very silly things. Everyone laughed.

Finally the elephants arrived in the ring - there were three enormous grey elephants and one smaller one. The small one balanced on one leg and did lots of tricks.

Then it stopped and looked straight at Steven. 'Hello,' said Steven to the elephant. 'I'm Steven.'

'I'm Mabella,' replied the elephant to Steven's surprise.

Then suddenly the small elephant turned around and ran towards the door of the tent. She ran out of the tent into the street and off into the town. All the people rushed out of the circus tent screaming, 'Aargh! The elephant has escaped!'

'Help!' cried the ringmaster. 'Mabella, the elephant has escaped!'

Mabella was a very happy elephant. It was the first time she had been out of the circus! It felt good to be free!

She ran along the main street towards the main square. She saw the fountain in the middle of the square. She climbed into the big fountain and sat down in the water.

Mabella sprayed water from the fountain with her trunk at the people who were walking past.

After a while Mabella decided to explore. She went along the street and into the big supermarket. All the people who saw her ran out of the supermarket screaming!

Mabella had a wonderful time – she ate all the bananas, a large chocolate cake, several packets of biscuits and lots of buns.

When she had finished eating, Mabella decided to explore again so she went out into the street.

In the distance Mabella saw a big house, but it was on fire!

Mabella ran to the house and then she heard the people in the house shouting and screaming. 'Help!' they shouted. 'Save us!'

Mabella saw there was a swimming pool in their garden. She put her trunk in the water and took in as much water as she could. Then she sprayed the house with water. She did this many times and the flames and fire died away. From the top window Mabella could see a small boy. He opened the window and took him out of the house using her trunk.

The young boy was safe and their house was safe – and all because of an elephant.

The next day all the people in the town gathered outside the town hall. They gave Mabella, the elephant, a special medal.

Steven and the little boy from the fire were invited to ride around the square on Mabella's back, waving and smiling at all the people.