

## Core Skills Analysis

### Reading Comprehension

- The student practiced attention to narrative structure by following the sequence of events in the circus story.
- They identified characters and settings, enhancing their understanding of story elements.
- By listening and watching the circus activity, the student improved their vocabulary related to animals, performers, and actions.
- The student demonstrated the ability to retell or summarize the circus event, showing comprehension of main ideas.

### Social Studies

- The student learned about cultural entertainment forms, gaining awareness of the circus as a social event.
- They understood the roles of different circus performers, such as clowns, acrobats, and animal trainers.
- The activity introduced the concept of teamwork, as students observed performers working together to create a show.
- The student gained an appreciation for traditions and events in community life.

### Art

- The student recognized different visual elements like costumes, props, and stage settings used in the circus.
- They observed colors and shapes, which helps with visual discrimination and aesthetic appreciation.
- The student developed imagination by visualizing the dynamic action and movements within the circus.
- Watching the circus may inspire creativity and role play, stimulating artistic expression.

### Tips

To further develop comprehension and critical thinking, encourage the student to sequence the circus acts through drawing or storyboarding pictures. Use role-playing activities where the student acts as different circus performers to deepen social understanding and empathy. Introduce simple art projects like designing circus posters or costumes to enhance creativity and fine motor skills. Finally, incorporate vocabulary games focused on circus-related words to strengthen language development and memory retention.

### Book Recommendations

- [If I Ran the Circus](#) by Dr. Seuss: A whimsical story about a boy who imagines his own circus, introducing imaginative storytelling and circus-themed vocabulary.
- [The Circus Ship](#) by Chris Van Dusen: A captivating story about a circus ship caught in a storm, highlighting adventure and teamwork amid circus life.
- [The Night Circus](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan: A magical tale of circus performers and their adventures, ideal for expanding vocabulary and sparking imagination.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2: Retell stories, including key details.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.3: Describe characters, settings, and major events.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.1.4: Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.1.2: Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud.
- Social Studies Standards: Understand community roles and cultural events (varies by state).