

Reading between the lines

1. Why didn't the circus workers take any notice of Miranda?

2. How did the audience react when Octavius became tangled?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) They were amazed and astonished.
- b) They felt sorry for him.
- c) They laughed and clapped.

3. Why did Manglequirk the Magician insist that he could sort out the problem?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) He thought he could use a magic trick to untangle him.
- b) He had done this kind of thing before.
- c) He owed Octavius a favour.

4. Why do you think Octavius stopped the Ringmaster from carrying Sooty outside?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) He had a strong friendship with Sooty.
- b) He wanted Sailor the Slugger to carry her out.
- c) He wanted her to at least try to untangle him with the feather.

5. Explain why Miranda was known as Sooty.

6. Explain why no-one calls her Sooty anymore.

7. What does the phrase 'Then she stamped off, wondering if she had lost her touch' mean?
(Circle the correct answer.)

- a) She couldn't remember the last thing she had touched.
- b) She was worried that she had lost her ability to solve problems by using hypnosis.
- c) She wondered if she would ever get the feeling back in her left hand.

8. Explain why Octavius and Sooty/Miranda were carried round the big top.
