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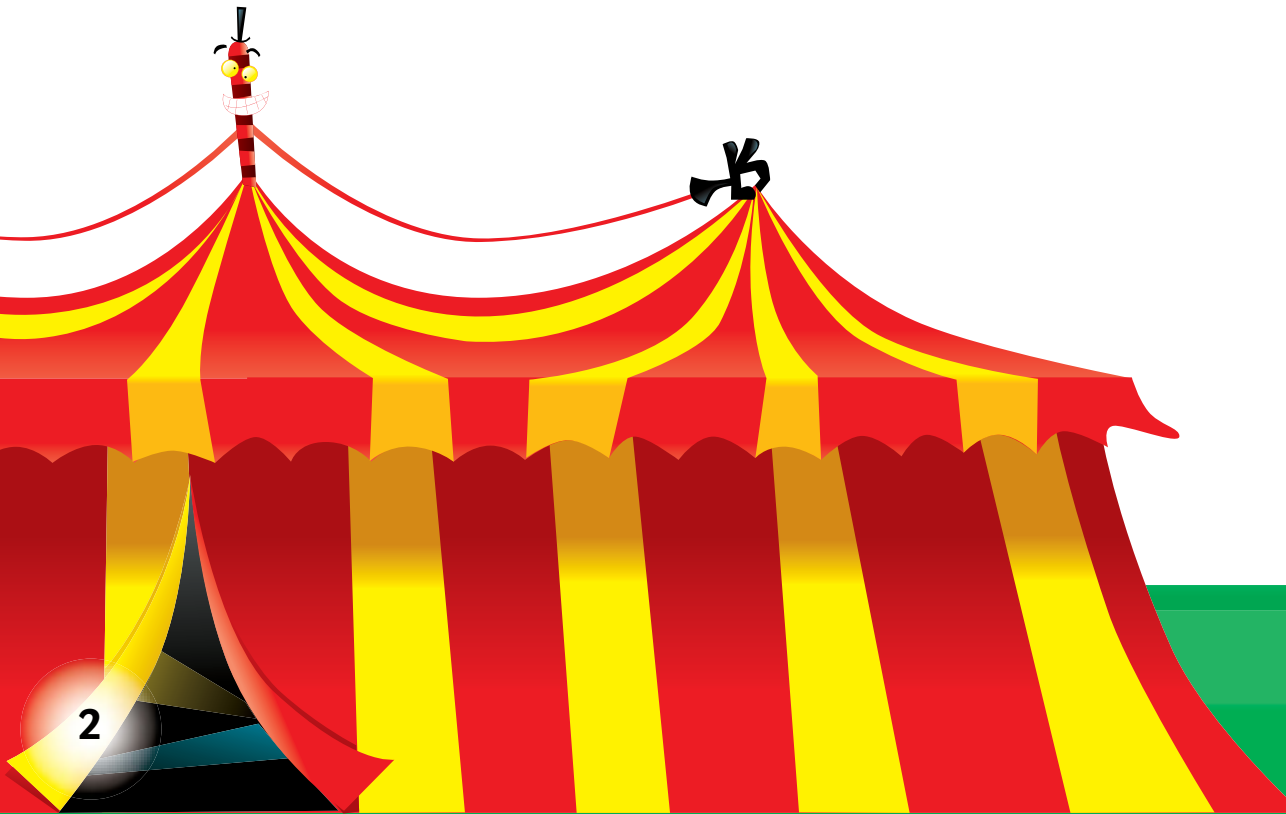
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INTRODUCTION

Snoz, a Snozalot Monster, wants to join Circus Bizurkus. Ringmaster Roy and his troupe must find out what Snoz is good at.

SETTING

In and around the Circus Bizurkus Big Top



CHARACTERS



Narrator

Level 18



**Ringmaster
Roy**

Level 17



Snoz

the Snozalot
Monster

Level 16



**Bendy
Betty**

Level 14



**Max
Manyhands**

Level 13



**Chuckles,
the clown**

Level 12



Narrator: Ringmaster Roy woke up, just like every other morning.



Ringmaster Roy: (stretching) Ah, it is just like every other morning.



Narrator: Except there was a Snozalot Monster standing outside the Big Top.



Ringmaster Roy: I am afraid you are rather early, sir. Our next performance is not until tonight.





Snoz: I don't want to watch your circus. I want to join your circus.




Ringmaster Roy: Lots of people want to join ...



Snoz: (interrupting) It's been a dream of mine ever since I was a baby Snoz.



A cartoon illustration of a ringmaster with a brown face, a red top hat with a white band, and a red and white striped shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the right.

Ringmaster Roy: Well, I won't stand in the way of a brave Snozalot Monster's dream. How about I get my troupe to show you around, and we will work out what you can do.



Snoz: Nifty!



Ringmaster Roy: What is your name?



Snoz: Everyone just calls me Snoz.



Narrator: Snoz followed the ringmaster to the highwire. Snoz slowly climbed the ladder, high, high up to the tiny trapeze platform. But once he was up there, he froze.





Ringmaster Roy: (shouting up) That is where the acrobats fly through the air and do daring tricks. What do you think?



Snoz: (shouting down) I hate it. Snozalots do not like heights. Snoz feels dizzy. Arrggghhhh!





Narrator: Snoz fell onto the safety net, which tore. The Snoz landed with a thud. It left a big dent in the ground. Luckily, Snozalots are very tough.



Snoz: Sorry about your net.



Ringmaster Roy: Oh, that's fine. But from now on, I will keep you on the ground.



Narrator: Chuckles the clown came running up.



Chuckles: I thought I heard an explosion!



Snoz: That was me.



Chuckles: Wow, did you break anything?



Snoz: Nope. Snozalots are very tough.



Narrator: I told you so.





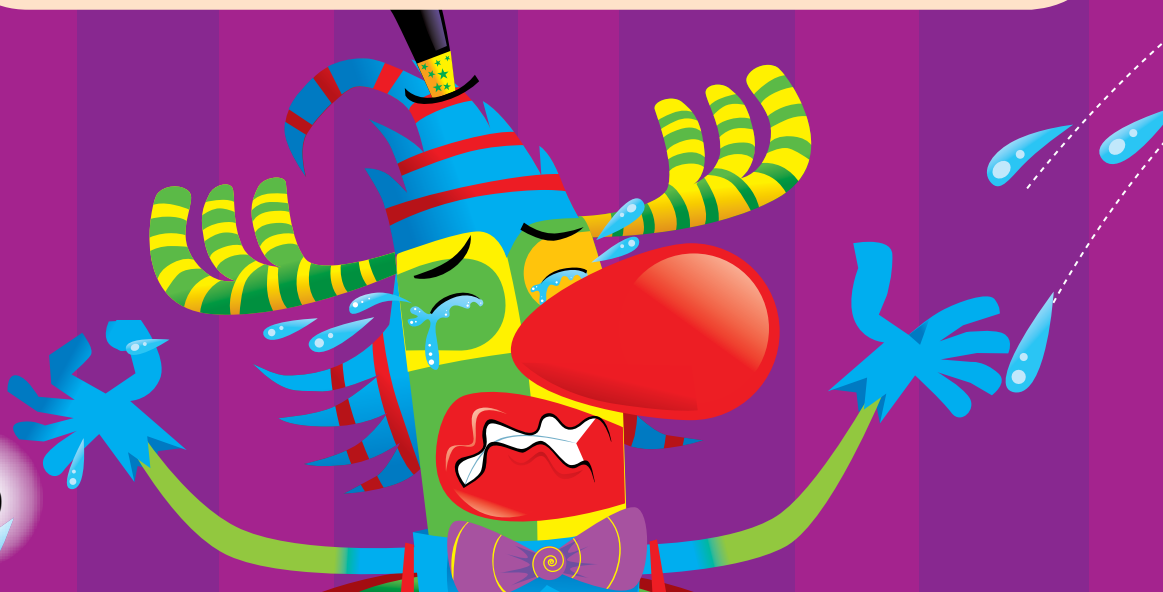
Ringmaster Roy: Chuckles, perhaps you could teach Snoz about being a clown.



Narrator: Chuckles had a great time dressing Snoz and painting him with make-up. But when Snoz saw himself in the mirror, he hid under the table.



Snoz: Not funny! Too scary!
Snoz is scared!





Narrator: Snoz began to cry. Seeing a Snozalot cry made Chuckles cry too.



Chuckles: (sobbing) That is the saddest thing I have ever seen. A sobbing Snozalot!





Narrator: Chuckles took Snoz to meet Bendy Betty.



Bendy Betty: So, you want to join the circus? Let's see how bendy you are. Start by touching your knee with your snout.



Snoz: Errgghh!





Bendy Betty: Too hard? Try to touch your ankles with your paws.



Snoz: Hurruff!



Bendy Betty: You need help, Snoz. Lots of help.





Narrator: Max Manyhands walked by, juggling his breakfast. Snoz leapt to his feet.



Snoz: May I try?



Max Manyhands: Be my guest. I have never seen a Snozalot Monster juggle.





Narrator: But Snoz didn't want to juggle. He wanted to eat. Snoz ate Max's breakfast in one, big monster gulp.



Max Manyhands: You really should chew each mouthful at least 10 times.





Narrator: Later, at morning tea, Ringmaster Roy asked about his new performer.



Ringmaster Roy: Tell me troupe, what can Snoz the Snozalot Monster do?



Chuckles: I will tell you what he cannot do. He cannot make you laugh.



Bendy Betty: He cannot bend.



Max Manyhands: He cannot juggle.



Ringmaster Roy: I see, I see, I see. And I know he can't fly through the air.





Chuckles: He's a nice monster.



Bendy Betty: A lovely monster, really.



Max Manyhands: But Snoz has no place in Circus Bizurkus.



Narrator: Just then, Snoz sloped into the Big Top, dragging his paws. He looked very sad.



Snoz: Perhaps Snoz has no place in Circus Bizurkus.





Ringmaster Roy: Nonsense! It is your dream to join the circus. We just have to find out what you are good at. What makes you happiest of all?



Snoz: I do like to dance quite a lot. May I show you?





Ringmaster Roy: I would love to see a Snozalot Monster dance!



Chuckles: Stand back everyone.



Narrator: Snoz began to dance. But not in a great, big, heavy monster way. Snoz was as light as a feather on his paws. He leapt and twirled with grace.



Max Manyhands: That monster can dance!





Bendy Betty: Bravo Snoz, you don't need my help. You are a great dancer.



Ringmaster Roy: You shall join our circus, Snoz, and spend your days dancing. I'll get the posters ready! I can see them now: "Circus Bizurkus, the greatest show you shall ever see. We've got the lot, including a dancing Snozalot!"



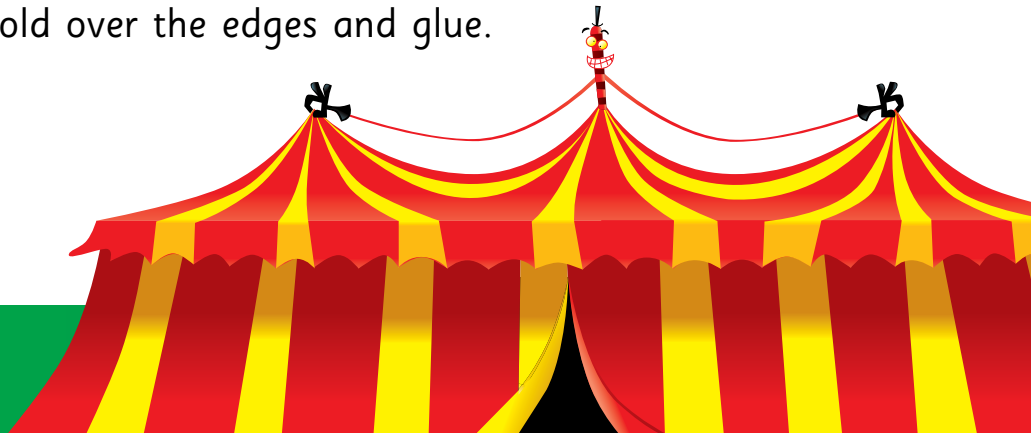
MAKE SOME SIMPLE PROPS

You will need:

- ✓ A hula hoop
- ✓ White crepe paper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Coloured felt-tipped pens
- ✓ Glitter, stickers
- ✓ Face paints
- ✓ Red nose
- ✓ Yellow material
- ✓ Hat elastic
- ✓ Red wool (or red crepe paper)

Make a trapeze safety net

- 1 Cut strips of crepe paper 5 cm wide.
- 2 Crisscross the strips of paper across the hoop.
- 3 Fold over the edges and glue.



Make a nose for Snoz

- 1 Make a cone out of cardboard.
- 2 Cut off the pointy end and glue on paper to cover the hole. Mark on two black nostrils.
- 3 Paint the cone in red and yellow stripes.
- 4 Attach hat elastic to the cone so it will fit around Snoz's head.

Have the clown parts ready for Chuckles

- 1 Make a large, red, cone nose with elastic attached to fit over Snoz's nose.
- 2 Have red, white and black face paints ready.
- 3 Make a huge, yellow bow to put around Snoz's neck.
- 4 Use the red wool (or red crepe paper) to make a wig to sit on Snoz's head.

Make a poster advertising Snoz

- 1 Use a sheet of cardboard. Write the heading *Amazing Snozalot*.
- 2 Write about Snoz's amazing dancing and where and when he can be seen.
- 3 Decorate the poster.
- 4 Be sure to include a picture of Snoz.

Who is Snoz?

What has Snoz's dream always been?

Why did Snoz hide under a table?

How many times did Max think that Snoz should chew each mouthful of food? Why?

Why did Ringmaster Roy let Snoz join the circus even though he couldn't do any of the acts he tried out for?

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