

Finale

Setting the Scene

Use the central hall if it is available or create a ring in the centre of the classroom with streamers festooned above it to represent the big top. Invite other classes and staff to watch the finale.

What to Do

Bring your circus activities to a conclusion with a fun finale. Dress all the learners in circus costumes and paint their faces if appropriate.

Allocate props such as drums, whips and flags to those learners who are able to access them.

Play circus music and have the learners enter the circus ring one at a time.

Give opportunities to those learners who can perform a trick, song or individual movement such as:

- pull a coloured handkerchief from their pocket;
- wave a ringmaster's whip; or
- shake a tambourine.

When all the learners are in the ring sing the goodbye song, encouraging the learners to join in where possible.

Goodbye Song

Goodbye circus, goodbye circus
Goodbye circus, we'll come another day
(Repeat several times)

Areas of Learning

Primary

The Arts (Drama)

Post-Primary

The Arts (Drama)

What You Need

You will need a variety of circus props that the learners can use to dress up as the performers in a circus such as:

- Streamers
- Circus Music
- Clown wigs, hats and clothes
- Face paints
- Pretend whips
- Circus flags
- Coloured handkerchiefs
- Tambourine
- Ringmaster's hat, leotards
- Variety of replicas of circus animals such as elephants, lions and tigers

