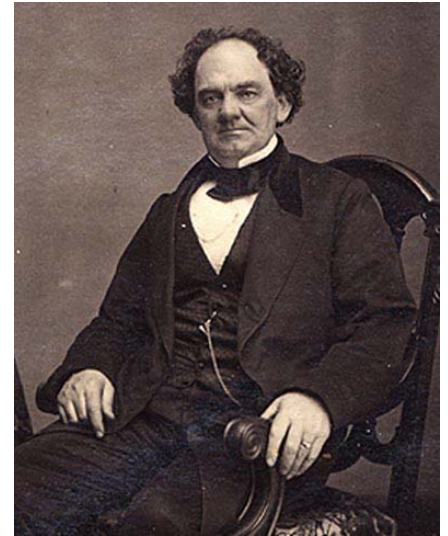


## P. T. Barnum

From the time he was a little boy, P. T. Barnum loved to look at strange things. So he opened a museum in New York. In his museum, he put all the strange things he could find. There was a mermaid. There were magicians and actors. People came from all around to see the things in the museum. Some things were real, but some were not. Barnum was so clever that no one knew what was real and what was fake. The museum was a huge success.

But P. T. Barnum was not done. He wished that even more people could see the show. He decided to take a new show to the people. So he loaded lots of people and animals onto a train. It took many cars to move it all.



This circus would travel to different cities. The circus people would set up a big tent and put on the show. In the show there were three rings with something different going on in each one. It was a three-ring circus. Barnum called it "The Greatest Show on Earth."

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### Quiz Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?

- ☐ a. P. T. Barnum opened a museum in New York.
- ☐ b. P. T. Barnum's circus traveled on a train.
- ☐ c. P. T. Barnum made shows filled with strange things.

2. What was "The Greatest Show on Earth"?

- ☐ a. a museum in New York
- ☐ b. a train with animals
- ☐ c. a three-ring circus

3. What does the word **success** mean in this story?

\_\_\_ a. something that is not real

\_\_\_ b. something that is clever

\_\_\_ c. something that went well

4. Why did Barnum take the circus to different cities?

\_\_\_ a. He liked to travel.

\_\_\_ b. The circus was a huge success.

\_\_\_ c. He wanted more people to see it.

5. How did P. T. Barnum show he was clever?

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