

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CIRCUS

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When: cuando **Think:** pensar **Perhaps:** tal vez **Big:** Grande **Tent:** carpa **Funny:** divertido
Clown: payaso **Brave:** valiente **Tamer:** domador **French:** francés **Kind:** tipo **New:** nuevo
Performance: presentación **Any:** ningún **Street:** calle **Dance:** baile **People:** La gente **Call:** llamar

Beginnings

Cirque du Soleil was started in 1984 in Quebec, Canada, by two street performers. It began with a very simple dream. A group of young performers got together to amuse people, see the world and have fun doing it. The circus quickly became famous for its creativity, colorful costumes and exciting performances.

Was: fue **Start:** comenzar **Performer:** Artista **Began:** Empezó **With:** con **Dream:** Sueño
Young: Joven **Get together:** reunirse **Amuse:** Entretener **See:** Ver
World: mundo **Have fun:** divertirse **Doing it:** haciéndolo **Quickly:** Rápidamente
Became: se volvió **Colorful:** colorido **Costume:** disfraz **Exciting:** emocionante

Touring Shows

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Touring: de giras	Has created: Ha creado	Many: Muchos	Travel: Viajar	All over: Alrededor
First: Primer	Life: Vida	About: Acerca	Hope: Esperanza	Set: Localizado
Sad: Triste	Lonely: solitaria	Eastern: Oriental	Western: Occidental	
Ways: Formas	There is: Hay	Even: incluso	Tell: Relatar	

READING COMPREHENSION

LEE EL TEXTO "A DIFFERENT KIND OF CIRCUS"

- **ENCUENTRA LAS RESPUESTAS EN EL TEXTO Y SUBRÁYALAS CON COLOR ROJO.**
- **DEBES RESPONDER EN INGLÉS TODAS LAS PREGUNTAS.**

1. ¿Qué significa en francés "Cirque du Soleil"?

2. ¿Cuándo y dónde comenzó el Cirque du Soleil?

3. ¿Qué combina el Circo del Sol?

4. ¿Qué NO utiliza el Circo del Sol?

5. ¿Cómo llama la gente al Circo del Sol?

6. En sus inicios, ¿Por qué se volvió famoso el Circo del Sol?

7. Di el nombre de algunos shows del Circo del Sol.

8. ¿Qué celebraba Saltimbanco?

9. ¿Dónde está localizado Quidam?

10. ¿Sobre qué habla Dralion?

11. ¿Qué nos cuenta el show llamado "LOVE"?

VOCABULARY:

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Payaso:	Relatar:	Domador:
Ver:	Solitaria:	Colorido:
Oriental:	Empezó:	Con:
Viajar:	Nuevo:	Muchos:
Rápidamente:	Formas:	Incluso:
Se volvió:	Primer:	Calle:
Presentación:	Haciéndolo:	Localizado:
Disfraz:	Baile:	Emocionante:
Gente:	Circo:	Llamar:

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Read about Dralion

Dralion by Cirque du Soleil is an interesting combination of eastern and western circus acts. It combines traditional Asian acts with its own modern creativity and color. Even the name “*Dralion*” shows this mix of East and West. People from both eastern and western countries enjoy *Dralion*!

Main idea:



Listen and complete the paragraph.



Dralion's mix of _____ the East and West is great to see. There are _____ like “bamboo poles” and “hoop diving,” as well as _____ and juggling. The name of the _____ is actually a combination of “dragon” from the East and _____ from the West. *Dralion* is very _____ all over Asia, North _____ and Europe.