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## Quick Questions



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# Answers



1. What was the child's favourite part of the show?  
**The child's favourite part of the show was the acrobats.**



2. How do you think the child was feeling about going to the circus?

**Accept any sensible linked to the text, such as: I think that the child was excited because it says that their tummy leapt in excitement.**



3. What is a 'big top'? Read around the words to help you to understand what they mean.

**A big top is a circus tent.**



4. What do you think might happen next in the story?  
**Accept any sensible linked to the text, e.g. At the end of the show, I think that Gran and the child walk back home.**