

# Kat's Great Act

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Soft C

circus  
graceful  
accident  
chance

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replace  
Alice  
performance  
glanced

Soft C

fancy  
introduced  
concentrate  
graceful

Soft C

**dance**  
**bounced**  
**entrance**

# Tricky Words

were

could

one

said

have

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her

through

what

very



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Kit and Kat were circus clowns, but Kat dreamed of something else.

"I wish I could be graceful like Alice the tightrope artist!" she said.



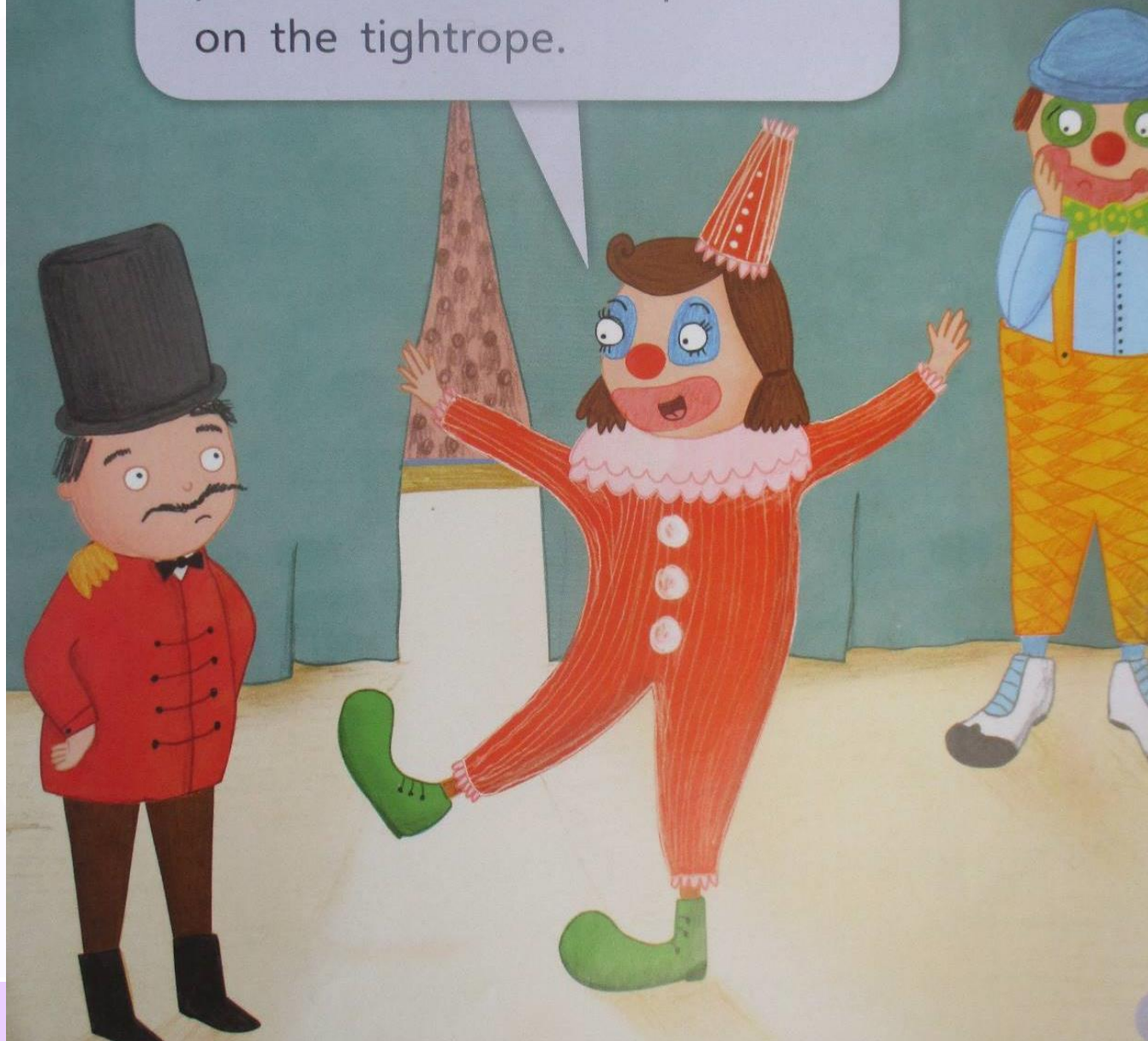
One night Alice had an accident.  
“I tripped on that clumsy clown’s boots!”  
she said. “I can not perform now!”





“You are the star of the circus, Alice!”  
said the ringmaster. “What will we do?”  
This was Kat’s chance.

I can replace Alice for this performance! I have practised on the tightrope.







The ringmaster glanced at the time.  
He had no choice.  
“Go on,” he said.

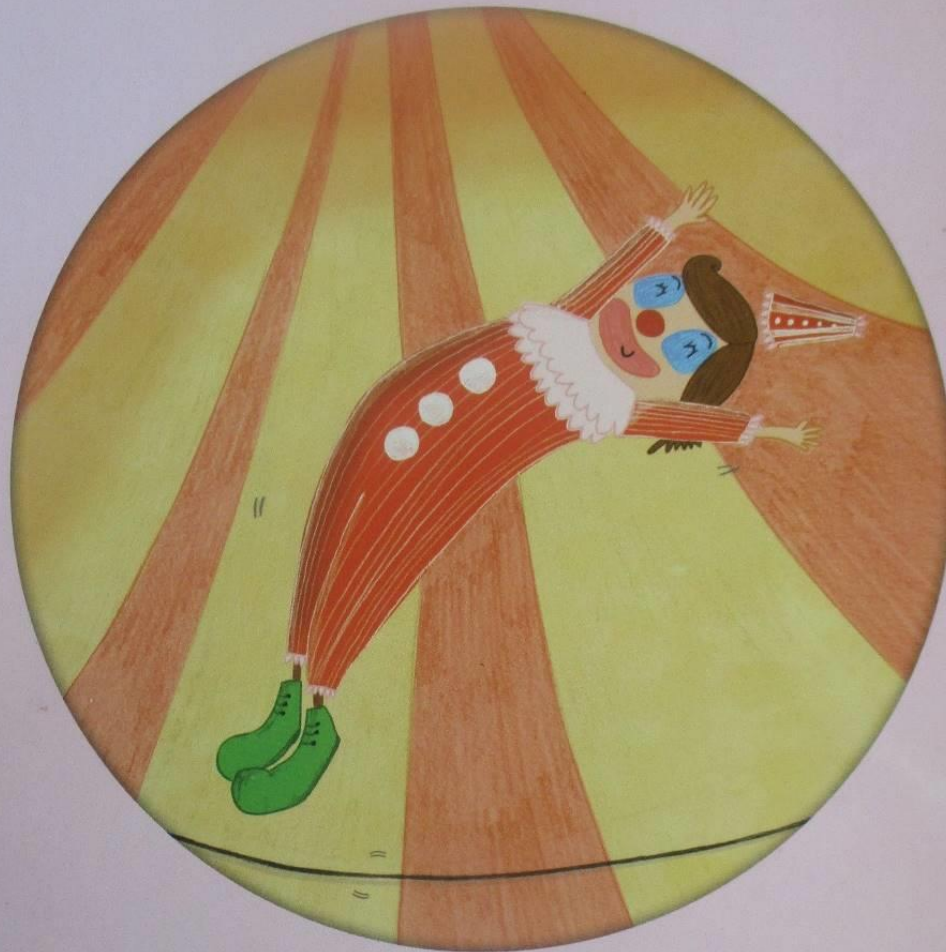


Kat had no time to put on fancy clothes. The ringmaster introduced her to the crowd and she went up the ladder.





Kat rode a bike across the tightrope.  
She had to concentrate hard.  
She did not look graceful, just clumsy.



Kat raised her arms for the big finish ...  
... a backflip!  
She jumped up ...





... but her feet missed the rope!  
“Oh no!” said the crowd as Kat fell  
through the air.



She hit the net and bounced up ...





... and landed right on top of Alice the tightrope artist. She was near the entrance. "You clumsy clown!" cried Alice.



“Wait!” said Kit. “What is that in your pocket, Alice?”

“It is cash!” cried the ringmaster. “That accident was just an excuse. Alice was stealing the cash from the circus!”





Now the crowd clapped and whistled  
and cheered for Kat.  
She had saved the day!



Kit smiled. "You were great, Kat," he praised her. "And very graceful, too!"

Use the text to help you answer these questions. Remember to be a Rocket Retriever or a Crimson Clue Hunter.

Choose the correct answer for the first two questions

1. What are the names of the circus clowns?

Tim and Tom

Kit and Kat

Bill and Ted

2. What did Alice trip on?

A banana

The clown's boots

A cup

3. Why did the crowd say, "Oh no!" when Kat fell from the tightrope?

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4. When Kat landed on top of Alice, what did Kit and the ringmaster discover?