

Cirque du Soleil workout -Answers

a. Answer the questions.

1. It was created in Baie-St-Paul near Quebec, Canada, in 1984.
2. Because it has taken the circus concept and done something new with it. There are no animals, only the best artists in the world. There are amazing costumes, lights, choreography and original music.
3. Auditions are held around the world and talent scouts go to events to look for new acts.
4. It's the circus tent. The flags represents the home countries of the employees and artists in the show.
5. There will be a new show in Las Vegas inspired by the music of the Beatles, and a new show called "Delirium" in which musicians, singers and dancers will be very important.

b. What do the following numbers refer to?

1. 22 – years that Cirque du Soleil has existed
2. 3,000 – employees all over the world
3. 800 – artists in the shows
4. 6 – different shows currently touring the world
5. 5 – shows being performed in the United States
5. over 50 million – people who have seen a Cirque du Soleil show
6. 7 million – people who saw a show in 2005
7. 19 metres – the height of the Grand Chapiteau tent
8. 500 – stakes needed to keep the Grand Chapiteau in the ground
9. 2,500 – people who can sit in the Grand Chapiteau to watch a show
10. 544 – the record number of stilt walkers at the same time and place

c. Artists who appear in the show.

1. stilt walker;
 2. fire eater;
 3. acrobat;
 4. trapeze artist;
 5. juggler;
 6. clown
- Also: gymnast, dancer, musician, singer, swimmer

d. Words connected with shows.

1. c; 2. h; 3. e; 4. i; 5. d; 6. b; 7. g; 8. f; 9. a

e. Put the words in order.

1. street performer
2. international success story
3. street entertainment
4. major sporting event
5. international circus festival
6. live music event

f. Words that mean the same.

1. worldwide;
2. run;
3. outrageous;
4. injury;
5. feature