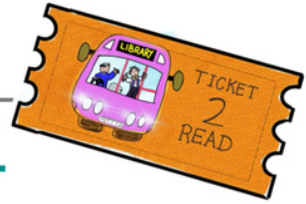




Author Activity Sheets

Michelle Russell





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World Fun Fair Month

Did you know that September is World Fun Fair Month?

Six lady Showmen, founding members of f4f, organised the event.

Read The Show Must Go On to find out more about the community of Showmen and how valuable they are to the wider community.

Find out more

www.future4fairgrounds.com

What do you already know?

Starting with what you already know, make a list of words that sound like what they mean.



Onomatopoeia - what a wonderful word. It's like a combination of sounds that want to play

Compare the illustrations of Grandad's shed (on page 4 and 11). Which drawing do you prefer? What effect does Mitch Miller create when adding onomatopoeias to the shed on page 11?

Look at the dialectogram on page 10, create a list of sounds that might be heard in other parts of the family yard.

Are they similar to sounds you would hear where you live?

Are there any other onomatopoeias used in the book?

If so, why do you think they are included?



The Show Must Go On



1TCA One Thought changes All

Thinking a Thought

Just like Showmen who work together to build the fair up, you are invited to help us build up a resource that helps others to learn more about the community of Showmen: The industry of fairgrounds, the way of life and the value they add to the communities they support

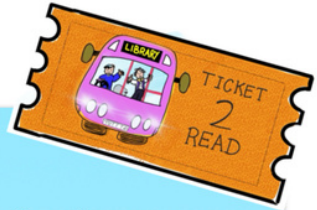
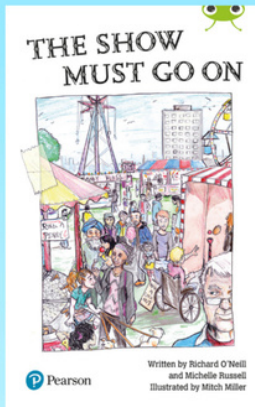
Sharing a Thought

Share your ideas on how you celebrated World Fun Fair Month.

Would you like your ideas shared with the world?



Author's Activity Sheet



Share the story
The Show Must Go On.
Each teacher records a reading of the chapter.

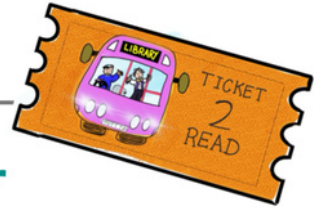
The pupils could then photograph each other to create a tableau of what is happening in the story.

Visit a local fair to record what can be heard.



Mix them altogether to create your own video montage

Share your ideas www.theactivitybus.co.uk



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Did you know?



A classroom travels around from place to place, with Showmen children in Australia

The Show Must Go On gives an example of how some Showmen children complete their school work

Find out more

www.future4fairgrounds.com

What do you already know?

Think about your favourite shops - each one designed with its own signature look. Environmental print is all around us.

Uncle Melvin insisted that we all paint 'SOS'

Chapter 6 and 7 describe how Uncle Melvin uses a technique called signwriting - just like handwriting, this skill takes time to learn, with lots and lots of practice.



The digital logo designed for the World Fun Fair Month has been carefully chosen to represent the traditional art of signwriting.

On page 48, Showman, Robert Miller describes how he learnt his craft. What other questions would you have asked, if you had interviewed him?



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Thinking a Thought

Showmen have a number of jobs, working together to ensure the fair is organised, safe and fun. When do you think the Showmen would carry out the signwriting?

Do you think all Showmen can signwrite?

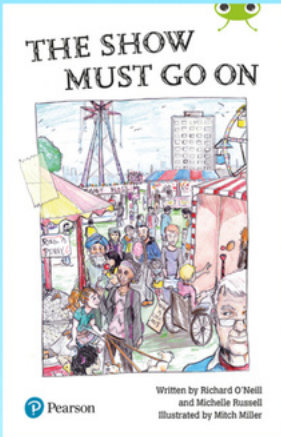
Is traditional signwriting used outside of the Showman community?

Sharing a Thought

Share your signwriting artwork



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Throughout the book, there are different styles of font used.

Can you find Tara and Erin's comment - they helped to review the story.

Are reader's comments helpful when choosing to read a book?

After reading the story, what would you recommend to others?

Signwriting

Showman George Hebborn shares videos of his signwriting through social media. This has helped people see how intricate the work is and begin to understand the different terms like infill, undercoating, and rounding board



The Showmen's Wall By George Hebborn

Rachel E Millar, a sign writer, gilder and lettering artist describes her style as bold and colourful

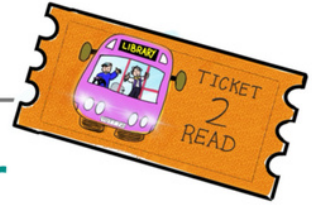


REVIVING THE ART OF SIGN PAINTING | 5:24



Reviving the Art of Sign Painting | Loop | BBC Scotland

<https://youtu.be/WJujg3P2bKw>



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Representing Showmen

Future4fairgrounds have been raising awareness of the book, *The Show Must Go On*.

They are gifting 1000 copies to UK schools.

Find out more

future.4fairgrounds.com

How will you celebrate World Fun Fair Month?

A Showman travels all over the country to bring all the fun of the fair to different communities.

In the story, *The Show Must Go On*, Mary Ann's family takes on an unusual task of inviting the community to enjoy the fun of the fair in the Showman's yard.

Mitch Miller has captured a scene of the community having fun.

2020 and 2021, witnessed many fairs being cancelled. During the first lockdown, The Activity Bus Facebook page organised seven days of *Fairground at Home*.

Imagine a whole month - 30 days of fun



Reflection

Do you have any resources in school that represent the Showman community?

Where might you find more resources?



Thinking a Thought

What do you know about Showmen and fairs?

How do you know, what you know?

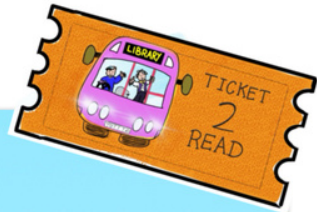
Is it a true fact from an authentic source?

Sharing a Thought

Share your questions with future4fairgrounds.



One Thought changes All



Fairground Reminiscence presented lots of fun facts about Showmen and travelling fairs on packs of cards.

The Fun Fair Facts helped visitors to find out more about the artefacts on display.

How many different sentences can you create that include the words, **fun** and **fair**?



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There are lots of activities that can be explored when learning about Showmen and fairs. The list shared here is taken from The Activity Bus.

How do you think the activity was linked to fairgrounds?

Can you think of more activities?