

circus['sɜ:kəs] *n*

1. 1) цирк

circus performer - артист цирка, циркач

circus horse - цирковая лошадь

2) арена; манеж (*цирка*)

3) цирковое представление

2. 1) *разг.* занимательное зрелище; ≅ целое представление

as good as a circus - ≅ «цирк!»; со смеху помрёшь

2) *разг.* гулянка; веселье, шумное сборище

we're going to have a regular circus! - ≅ ну и погуляем мы!

3) *амер. сл.* порнографическое представление3. *разг.* «воздушные акробаты», группа лётчиков, демонстрирующих фигуры высшего пилотажа (*мж.* flying circus)

4. 1) круглая площадь с радиальными улицами

2) (Circus) площадь, круг, сёркес (*в названиях*)

Oxford Circus - Оксфорд-сёркес

5. *геол.* горный амфитеатр цирк**circus**

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circus [circus circuses] *BrE* ['sɜ:kəs] *AmE* ['sɜ:rkəs] *noun*1. **countable** a group of entertainers, sometimes with trained animals, who perform skilful or amusing acts in a show that travels around to different places2. **the circus singular** a show performed by **circus** entertainers, usually in a large tent called a **big top**

• We took the children to the circus.

3. **singular** (*informal, disapproving*) a group of people or an event that attracts a lot of attention

• A media circus surrounded the royal couple wherever they went.

• the American electoral circus

4. **countable** (*BrE*) (used in some place names) a round open area in a town where several streets meet

• Piccadilly Circus

5. **countable** (in ancient Rome) a place like a big round outdoor theatre for public games, races, etc.Word Origin:

late Middle English (with reference to the arena of Roman antiquity): from Latin, ring or circus. The sense 'travelling company of performers' dates from the late 18th cent.

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circus /'sɜ:kəs/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: 'circle, circus', perhaps from Greek kirkos 'ring']

1. **[countable]** a group of people and animals who travel to different places performing skilful tricks as entertainment**circus act** (=a trick performed in a circus)**circus ring** (=a large circular area where tricks are performed)2. **[singular] informal** a situation in which there is too much excitement or noise:

• The first day of school is always such a circus.

• The trial has turned into a **media circus**.3. **[countable usually singular] British English** a round open area where several streets join together, often used in place names:

• Piccadilly Circus

4. **[countable]** a place in ancient Rome where fights, races etc took place, with seats built in a circle**circus**

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