

# P.T. Barnum

Story 9

## Review Key Words

circus	a traveling show with animals and clowns
museum	a place that shows interesting or unusual things
strange	odd; weird
clever	smart; witty

## Write a Prediction

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## Read the Story

8	From the time he was a little boy,	101	wished that even more people could
16	P. T. Barnum loved to look at strange	107	see the show. One day he had an
23	things. So when he grew up, he	115	idea. Why not take the show to the
30	opened a museum in New York. In	123	people? So he loaded everything
37	his museum, he put all the strange	128	onto a train. It took 70 cars and three
44	things he could find. There was a	137	engines to move it all. The circus
49	white elephant and a mermaid.	144	would travel to different cities, set up
54	There were magicians and actors.	151	a big tent, and put on the show. In
61	People came from all around to see	160	the show there were three rings with
67	the things in the museum. Some	167	something different going on in each
74	things were real, but some were not.	173	one. It was a three-ring circus.
81	Barnum was so clever, no one knew	180	Barnum called it, "The Greatest
88	what was real and what was <b>fake</b> .	185	Show On Earth." And it really was.
94	The museum was a huge success.	192	
	But P. T. Barnum was unhappy. He		

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