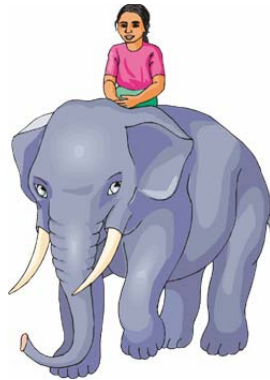


RIDING AN ELEPHANT



Iris was eight years old. One day, Iris was at the store with her mother. Iris saw a clown. There was a circus in town! Iris saw more clowns. She saw acrobats. She saw a baby elephant. It had a big, green saddle.

“Would you like to ride the elephant?” the clown asked.

“I have to ask my mother,” Iris told him. She found her mother. “May I ride an elephant?” she asked.

“Now, Iris,” her mother said. “We live in the city. You know there are no elephants here in the city.”

“But if there is an elephant here at the store, can I ride it?” Iris asked.

“If there is an elephant here, I will ride it with you,” her mother said.

“Okay, come with me,” Iris said. She showed her mother the elephant.

“Oh my goodness,” her mother said. “Now I have to ride the elephant with you.”

“That’s right,” Iris said.

“Can he carry both of us?” her mother asked. The clown said yes. So Iris rode the elephant with her mother. Then she rode it again by herself. She was as happy as can be.



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Answer the questions about *RIDING AN ELEPHANT*

1. Where does Iris see an elephant?
 - a. in Africa
 - b. at the circus
 - c. at the zoo
 - d. at the store

2. What color is the elephant's saddle?
 - a. yellow
 - b. gray
 - c. red
 - d. green

3. Who gives Iris a ride on the elephant?
 - a. a clown
 - b. her mother
 - c. an acrobat
 - d. her dog

4. Who rides the elephant with Iris?
 - a. a clown
 - b. her mother
 - c. a horse
 - d. her friend

5. Does Iris enjoy riding the elephant?
 - a. yes, it makes her happy
 - b. no, it makes her hungry
 - c. no, she is afraid
 - d. no, it makes her angry



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1. d
2. d
3. a
4. b
5. a

