

# FLEA CIRCUS

## **Contents:**

16 stand-up flea characters (with character stands); 1 ringmaster character (with character stand); 1 jiggled circus ring game board (in two pieces); 16 big top pieces; 1 dice; 1 seven piece circular audience jigsaw (fits around the circus ring board).

## **Object:**

To collect the most fleas in a completed big top by the end of the game.

## **Before you Play:**

Assemble the circus ring board, insert the fleas and ringmaster into their character stands and set aside the big top pieces and circular audience jigsaw. Place all the fleas in the centre of the circus ring board and the ringmaster on any space showing a ticket around the edge of the board.

## **To Play:**

The youngest player begins by rolling the dice. They move the ringmaster the number of spaces shown on the dice, clockwise around the board.

**If the ringmaster lands on a picture of a big top**, the player collects one big top piece, which they place in front of them (as players collect these pieces, they slot them together to make a 3-D big top).

**If the ringmaster lands on a picture of a flea in a net**, they capture a flea from the centre of the board and place it inside their big top (or next to it if it is not assembled).

**If the ringmaster lands on a picture of an escaping flea** (red background), the player loses one flea and must return this flea to the center of the circus ring.

**If the ringmaster lands on a picture of a ticket**, the first piece of the audience jigsaw is placed around the edge of the board.

The next player has their turn (as above) either capturing a flea; losing a flea; adding a piece of big top, or adding a piece to the audience jigsaw.

The game continues until all the fleas have been taken from the circus ring, OR until all the pieces of the audience jigsaw have been assembled around the edge of the board. Either of these will end the game.

At the end of the game, any players who have not assembled a complete big top lose all their fleas (the fleas have nowhere to perform!)

## **The winner:**

If any players have a completed big top, the player with the most fleas inside is the winner. If nobody has any fleas, then the fleas have won!



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