

Name: Date:

Lion Boy comprehension



1. Which of these does Charlie tell Major Thibaudet he can do? Tick the ones he can do.

Skill	Yes or no? Tick the ones he can do.	Can you do any of these things? Tick if you can.
Play the piano		
Drive		
Ride a bicycle		
Speak German		
Juggle		
Do a handstand		
Cook soup		
Tell the time		
Name all the countries in Europe		
Swim		

2. Charlie is trying to give the Major a reason to let him stay with the circus. Of the things he can do, which two do you think would be most useful?

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3. What can you do?

(a) Write your own list of things that YOU might tell Major Thibaudet if you were in Charlie's situation.

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(b) Which skill do you think the Major would be most impressed by? Why?

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Teacher's notes:

The questions refer to pp.66-67 of the Puffin paperback edition (2004).

Q1 could be used as a recap/starter after reading. Getting students to check their own answers will allow them to practise their scanning skills.

Answers: Charlie says he can play the piano, drive, ride a bicycle, do a handstand, cook soup and swim. He doesn't say he can speak German, juggle, tell the time or name all the countries in Europe.

Q2 could be used to encourage discussion (perhaps using diamond ranking). If reasons are written down, it would be an opportunity to review cause and effect connectives, as well as commas in complex sentences.

Q3 is a nice activity for students to give their own speeches, or make a display. Alternatively, they could include both real and invented skills and challenge their classmates to 'Call My Bluff'.