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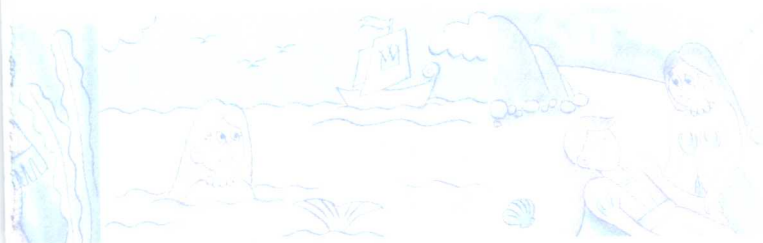
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# 前言

为了培养小学生学习英语的兴趣，提高其学习能力和阅读水平，我们特别组织儿童英语教学专家和优秀儿童画家编绘了这套《小学英语快乐阅读》丛书。这套丛书选文故事均摘自英美等英语国家的儿童读物，经专家改编后与广大小读者见面，故事内容反映出当今国外儿童的生活情趣和爱好，为小学生提供了一套原汁原味的系列读物。

全套丛书的每个分册都由几个故事组成，篇篇故事生动有趣、富有感染力，语言生动纯正、活泼，图画清新、优美、有趣。这些特点使学生感受到英语阅读的趣味，在快乐中学习，在快乐中增长知识，充分体现了寓教于乐的理念。

为了全面提高学生的阅读能力，作者对故事中有难度的单词作了注解。同时，按照新的英语课程标准，根据各级小学生学习英语的特点，补充有针对性的练习，方便学生使用。书后附有故事的汉语译文，可以方便学生理解。

全套书针对各级小学生的阅读特点共分5册，可供不同程度的学生分级阅读，循序渐进。



*IT'S HAPPY READING TIME!*

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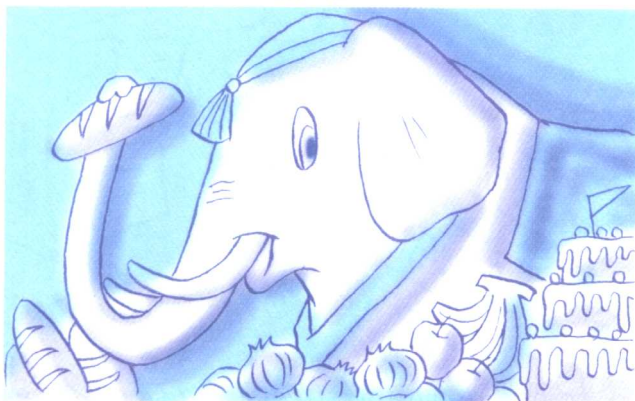
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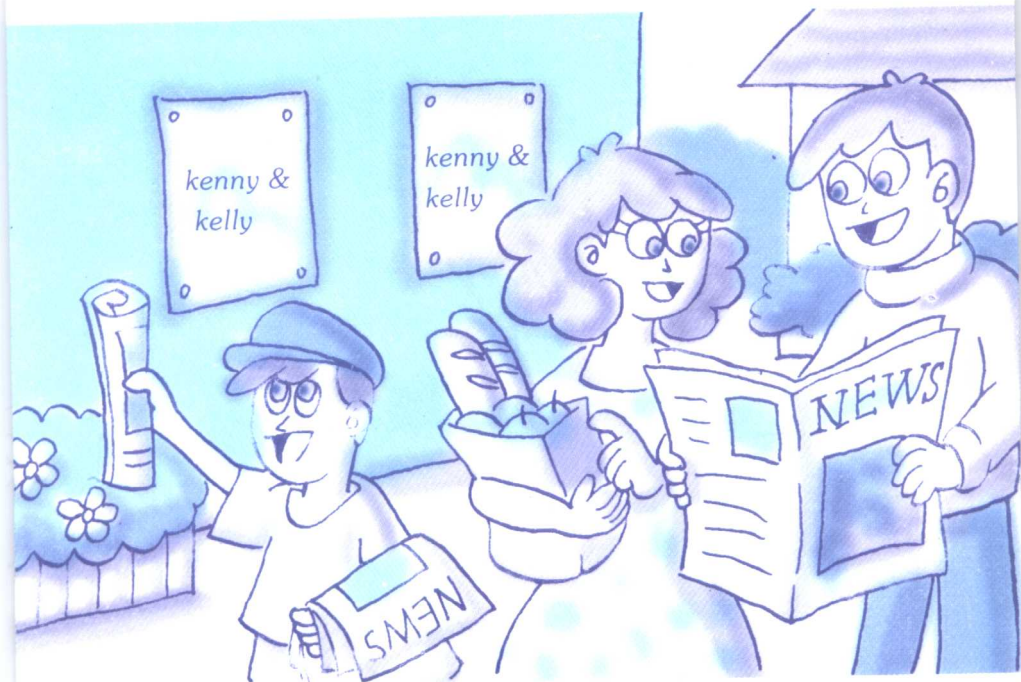
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*Jimmy*

吉米





Up and down the streets of a small American town, voices came out, "They're here! "

All summer long, people have been waiting for this day. They have read the stories in the newspapers.

They have seen the posters pasted up on fences and barns. In every diner and shop around town, it is all that everybody can talk about. And now the day is finally here.



*The famous circus has come to town.*

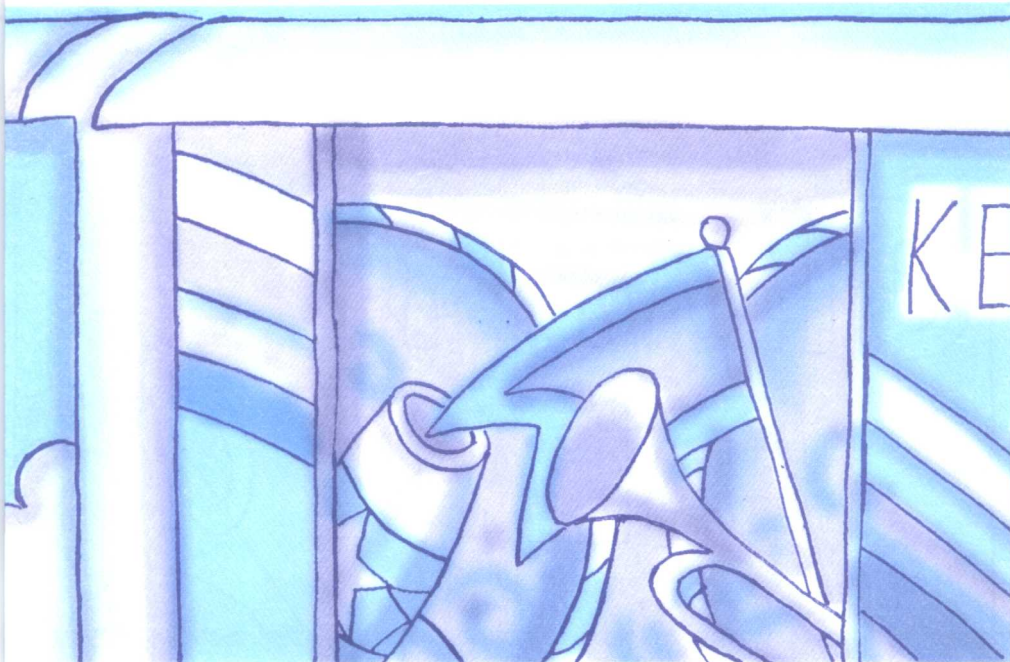
*It is not just an ordinary circus. It is Kenny & Kelly's Greatest Show. It is the biggest and best circus in the whole world. It has traveled here by train from California. Now it is touring the country, stopping in a different town almost every day.*





The circus travels by night and arrives in the morning. Its workers set up all day and perform in the evening. The next day, they're off to another town.

Men, women, and children run to the tracks to watch the circus train unload. It is the longest train most of them have ever seen, with over one hundred railroad cars. Some are brightly painted. Others are plain.



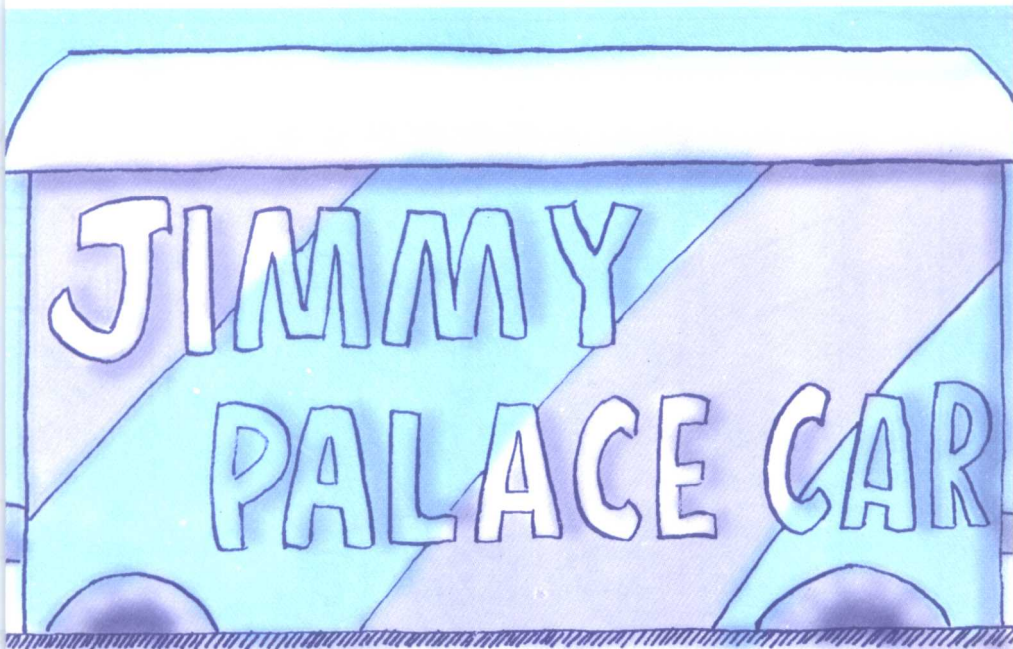
*What do they carry?*

*The cars carry tent poles and canvas and ropes and banners and bleachers for the crowded to sit in.*

*The cars carry costumes and musical instruments and circus wagons and trapezes and even a cannon!*

*The cars carry clowns and acrobats and singers and dancers and horseback riders and animal trainers.*





The cars carry horses and zebras and camels and ostriches and snakes and thirty elephants. And then there is the most special car of all.

The special car is extra big and extra sturdy. It is forty feet long, eighteen and a half feet high, and has huge double doors. It is painted gold and red and across it in fancy letters is written JIMMY PALACE CAR.





Everybody in town knows who is inside. They know from the handbills and the newspaper stories and the posters.

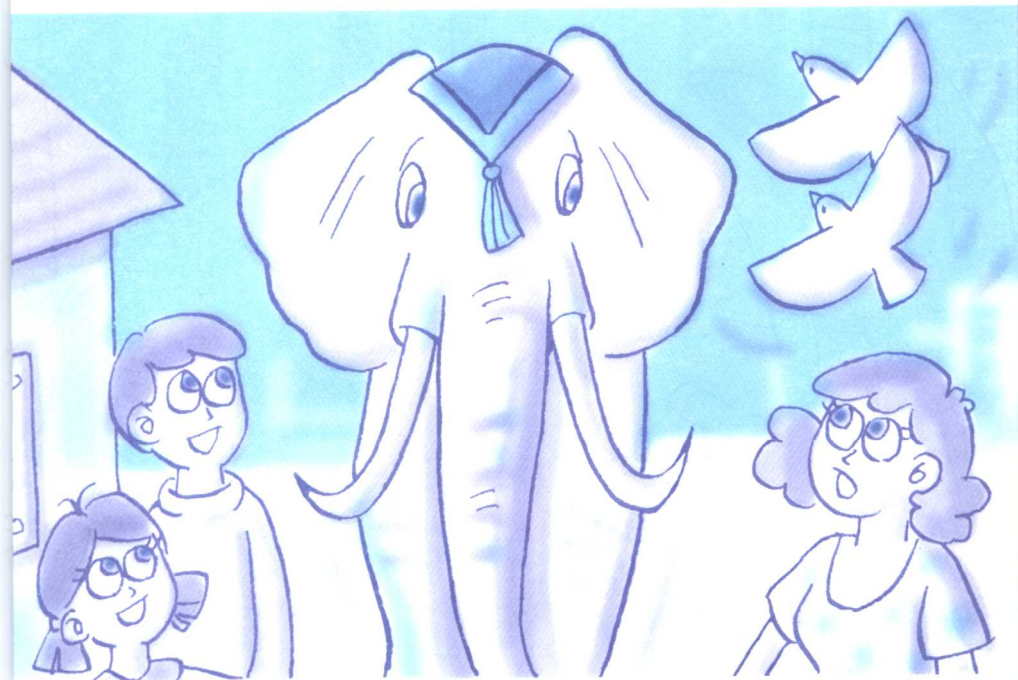
Inside the car is the largest and noblest animal in the world. Inside is Jimmy the Elephant.





*Later that evening, crowds lined the streets to watch the circus parade by torchlight.*

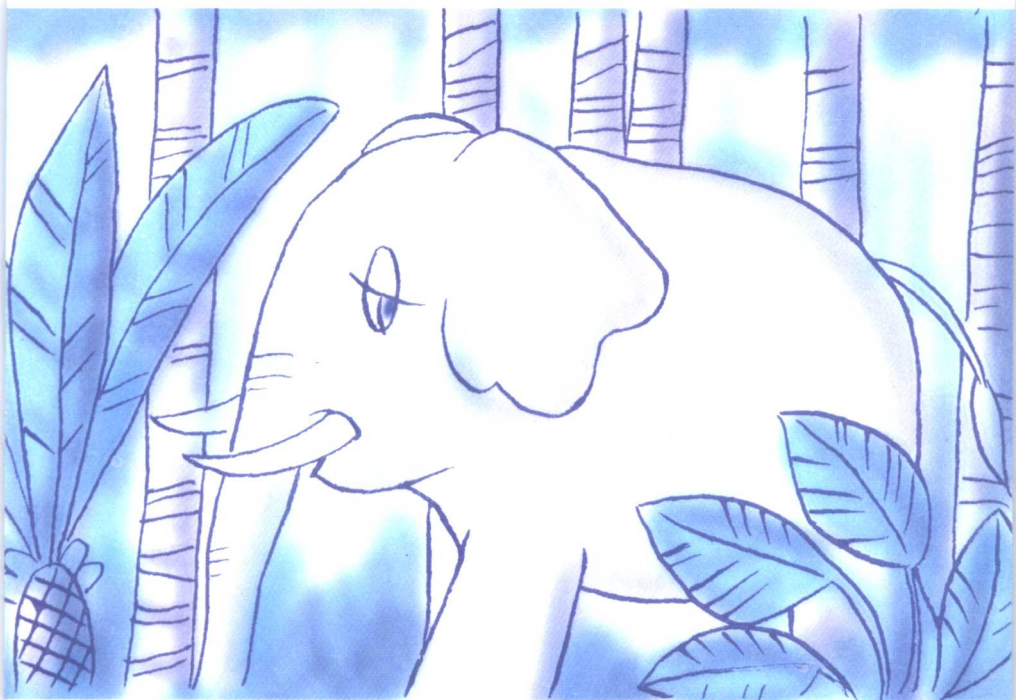
*All the performers and animals marched through town to a vacant lot, where they put up a giant tent.*



The crowd gasped, and then fell silent. Finally, they saw the famous elephant, Jimmy. Jimmy looked enormous—bigger than all the other elephants that came before. He was bigger than any other living thing everybody there has ever seen.

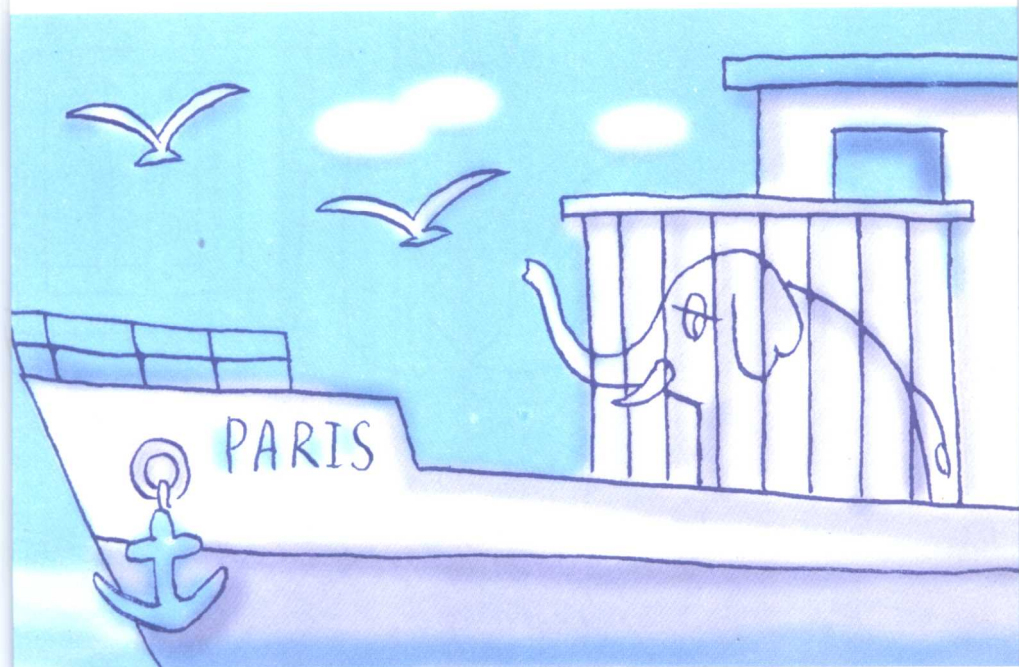
Different from other elephants, Jimmy was an African elephant. How did he come to be walking down the street of a small town in America?





At that time, people liked to kill wild elephants for their tusks. So lots of elephants were dead. In Africa, Jimmy's parents were killed when he was just a baby elephant. He might have grown up and been killed for his tusks, but he had a different fate.



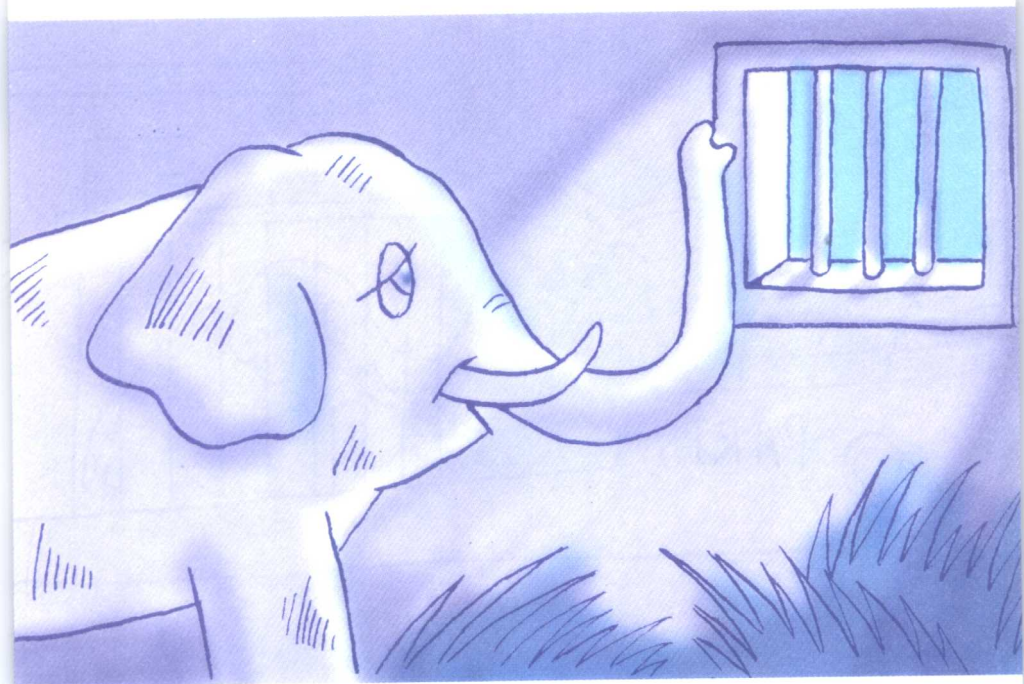


*In those days, zoos were even more popular than they are today. Every big city in Europe had a zoo. Lions and tigers were in great demand. So were rhinoceroses and elephants.*

*Collectors came to Africa to catch animals and sell them to zoos. A collector caught Jimmy and shipped him up to the Paris Zoo for sale.*

*At the time, Jimmy was only four feet tall.*





Then Jimmy became one of many elephants in the Paris Zoo's collection. No one thought he was very special. They kept him in a small, dark and dirty shed. They didn't feed him very well. They didn't wash him very often. They didn't pay much attention to him at all.

