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10. Number _____
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Phineas Taylor Barnum was an American businessman and showman. He was the founder of the _____Noun_____ that later became the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey _____Repeat Last Noun_____.

Although Barnum was also an author, publisher, philanthropist, and for some time a politician, he said of himself, "I am a showman by profession...and all the _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ shall make nothing else of me, " and his personal aims were "to put money in his own _____Noun Plural_____." Barnum is widely but erroneously credited with coining the phrase "There's a _____Noun_____ born every minute."

Barnum became a small-business owner in his early twenties, and founded a weekly _____Noun_____, before moving to New York City in _____Year_____. He embarked on an entertainment career, first with a variety troupe called "Barnum's Grand Scientific and _____Adjective_____ Theater," and soon after by _____Verb Present ends in ING_____ Scudder's American _____Noun_____. On January 1, 1842, Barnum opened his _____Repeat Last Noun_____ in New York City, he later renamed the American _____Repeat Last Noun_____ after himself. Barnum used the _____Repeat Last Noun_____ as a platform to promote hoaxes and human curiosities such as the '"Feejee" mermaid' and "General Tom Thumb." In 1850 he promoted the American tour of singer Jenny Lind, paying her an unprecedented $_____Number_____ a night for 150 nights.

After economic reversals due to bad investments in the 1850s, and years of litigation and public humiliation, he used

a lecture tour, mostly as a _____Adjective_____ speaker, to _____Verb Base Form_____ from debt. His museum added America's first aquarium and _____Verb Past Tense_____ the wax _____Noun_____ department.

Barnum served two terms in the Connecticut legislature in 1865 as a Republican for Fairfield. As mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, he _____Verb Past Tense_____ to improve the water supply, bring gas lighting to streets, and to enforce liquor and _____Noun_____ laws. Barnum was instrumental in starting Bridgeport Hospital, founded in 1878, and was its first president.

The circus business was the source of much of his enduring fame. He _____Verb Past Tense_____ "P. T. Barnum's Grand Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan & Hippodrome," a traveling circus, menagerie and museum of " _____Noun Plural_____," which adopted many names over the years.

Barnum _____Verb Past Tense_____ in his sleep at home on April 7, 1891 and was _____Verb Past Tense_____ in Mountain Grove _____Noun_____, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a _____Repeat Last Noun_____ he designed.

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