

# bungle – MSS 1

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A *synonym* means the same or almost the same as a word. An *antonym* means the opposite of the word. Below are *synonyms* and *antonyms* for the word *bungle*. Write the *synonyms* in the first column and the *antonyms* in the second column of the chart. Replay the MSS video.

*succeed*      *goof up*      *achieve*      *complete*      *botch*  
*flub*      *attain*      *fail*      *accomplish*      *spoil*

Synonyms	Antonyms

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Fill in these words in the correct place in the circus story.

*bungle    bungler    bungling    bungled    bunglers*

### A Great Night at the Circus

The trapeze artist was ready for the big opening night of the circus. Of all things, he did not want to \_\_\_\_\_ his first night in front of the audience. He swung back and forth, back and forth and finally let go and was caught by his partner. The crowd cheered. Whew, he didn't fall! The next act to appear was the act with the tightrope walkers. They tiptoed one behind the other, trying to get across the rope without \_\_\_\_\_. Each walker took a deep breath as he or she stepped gingerly across, no one wanting to be the\* one and only \_\_\_\_\_ in the act. Hurray, no one \_\_\_\_\_. Next the enormous elephants hooked trunks to tails as they plodded into the circus ring. It was difficult to imagine how they could \_\_\_\_\_ their act. Last but not least, the clowns, who appeared and bounced balls too high, threw balls in the wrong direction, and missed more balls than they caught. They were really funny \_\_\_\_\_ – just as they should have been. What a great night at the circus!

