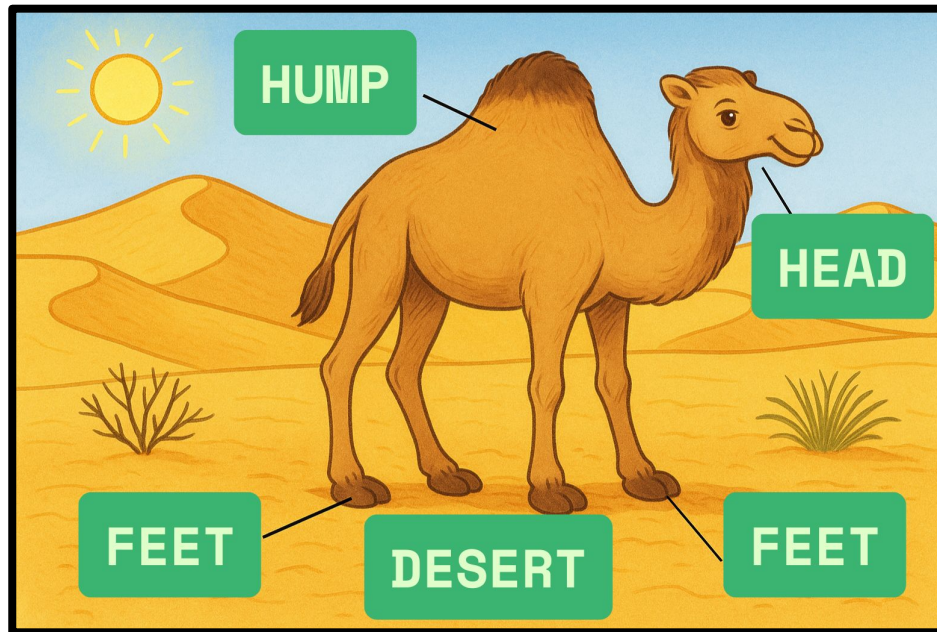


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Ask & Answer Questions

Read the short story and answer each question.



What Do Camels Do in the Desert?

Camels live in the desert. The desert is very hot and dry. There is not much water or food.

Camels have special body parts that help them live in the desert. They have big feet that help them walk on sand. They have long eyelashes that keep sand out of their eyes.

Camels can go a long time without water. When they do find water, they drink a lot to stay hydrated. They also eat dry plants.

Camels have humps on their backs. Their humps store fat. This fat gives them energy when food is hard to find.

Camels are strong and can carry heavy things. People use camels to travel and carry supplies through the desert.

Name: _____

What Do Camels Do in the Desert?

1. What helps camels keep sand out of their eyes?

- A. Their ears
- B. Their long eyelashes
- C. Their big feet
- D. Their tails

2. Why do camels have humps?

- A. To store water
- B. To help them swim
- C. To store fat for energy
- D. To keep cool

3. Fill in the blank:

Camels live in a place that is very hot and dry. This place is called the _____.

4. What are two ways camels stay safe or healthy in the desert? Use sentences from the text.

5. Why do you think camels are helpful to people?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: G

Lexile Level: 165L-305L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Informational Text

Introducing the Text

"Today we're going to read about camels and how they survive in a hot, dry place called the desert. We will ask questions, look for answers in the text, and use key details to help us understand more about how camels live."

Vocabulary: desert, eyelashes, humps, hydrated, supplies

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about camels?
 2. What do you think it's like to live in the desert?
 3. What kinds of animals live in very hot places?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. How does a camel's body help it survive?
 2. What do people use camels for?
 3. What part of the camel holds fat?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is one question you had before reading? Did the text answer it?
 2. What was one fact you learned from the passage?
 3. What sentence from the text helps you explain how camels live?
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Activity Idea

Give students a diagram of a camel with blank labels. Have them label body parts (feet, eyelashes, hump) and write how each part helps the camel. Then write 1–2 sentences using text evidence to explain how camels survive in the desert.

