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Ch. 9 The plaint of the camel.

Canary - Birds : a domesticated form of the wild canary, a small songbird.

Poodles : a breed of water dog.

repose : to sleep

Slumber : to sleep

pails : a place for the oysters to sleep

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Theme of the poem

It is complaint of camel. First, it complains about the food given to it by comparing with others. Then, it complains about the place it sleeps. Then it complains about the name given to it furthermore, it complains about people riding on it and at last it complains about its looks. This is the very nature of humans, we never learn to appreciate what we have but we will always keep complaining by comparing ourselves with others.

Reading-A

1. What are the five things according to camel no one cares about?

Ans According to the camel, no one cares about where it rests, eats, lives, how much load it carries or ~~its~~ shape.

2. Which are the things that human beings can help the camel with? What is the thing that cannot be changed?

Ans Human beings can help get camel better food, more comfortable places to live and rest. They can also help to reduce the load that the camel carries. The looks, shape, size and features of the camel can't be changed.

3. How do human beings look after the living arrangements of other animals?

Ans Human beings let cats rest on chairs, chickens roost upon rails and kitten stay in warm houses. They build stable for

puppies, enclosures for lambs, coops for hens and pens for sheep.

4. Which animals does the camel compare itself to?

Ans The camel compares itself to canary-birds, parrots, poodles, chickens, puppies, oysters, lambs, hens, kittens, pigs, giraffes, oxen, rabbits, foxes, snakes, weasels, alligators and lizards.

5. How are the last lines of ~~sta~~ every stanza similar? what is the meaning of the word does in this context?

Ans The last line of every stanza are similar as they all ~~begin~~ begin with But.... and say how no one cares very much about the camel. The last line of each stanza is written the style of "anything / anyplace / anywhere / any load / any shape does for me. In all these lines, the camel is saying that no one cares about how it lives, rests or looks. The word "does" means

work here.

B. 1. How does the camel sound - unhappy, grateful, jealous or something else? Could it also be proud? Give examples to support your answer.

Ans The camel may sound unhappy and jealous when it compares itself with ~~other~~ other animals and describes how they have better places to live, better things to eat, and even better shapes than the camel. It even calls itself a "poor camel" because it is not cared for in the same way as other animals. The poem is also titled the "plaint" of camel. However the camel could also be proud that it can adjust so well to different conditions. No matter what the place, food or load, the camel can take care of itself.

2. What does this poem say about how helpful the camel is to human beings?

Ans The poem mentions that the camel is sometimes ridden by entire family families. This tells us how the camel is useful to human beings. Also, people do not bother much about what the camel eats or where it stays. This tells us that the camel can live and work without any special arrangements. People use camels without having to worry too much about its food or shelter.

Appreciating the poem

1. Which two lines in each stanza have rhyming words within them? What are those rhyming words?

~~Which two lines~~

Ans The first and third lines of each stanza have rhyming words within them. These are feed/seed, poodles/noodles, aware/chair, able/stable, enclosed/lessed, treated/heat, laugh/giraffe, habit/rabbit, round/ground, alligator/straighter.

2. What makes this poem funny? would it be equally funny if it was narrated by a person rather than a camel? why or why not?

Ans. The fact that the poem is narrated by the camel makes it funny. The camel compares itself to other animals in a funny way. The poem would not be so funny if it were narrated by a person because even if a person talked about the camel's complaints, they would not be able to talk about it exactly as the camel can. Only the camel can talk about its problems and get sound funny.

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Complete these similes with
of animals from the poem.

1. as gentle as a lamb
2. as playful as a kitten
3. as tall as a giraffe
4. as strong as an ox
5. as timid as Rabbit
6. as sly as a fox

Parent Sign.

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