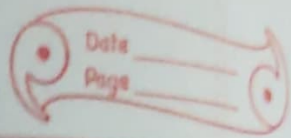


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## The Plaint of the camel

Carry pays a witty tribute to the hardworking camel, which lives and works in hot and uncomfortable places like deserts.

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## Theme of the poem

It is a complaint of a camel. First it complains about the food given to it by comparing with other. Then it complains about the place it sleeps. Then it complains about the home given to it. Furthermore, it complains about people riding on it and at last it complains about its look. 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 other.

## Reading - A

1) What are the five things according to the ~~camel~~ ~~now~~ camel no

once about?

1) 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?

A) Human beings can help get the camel better food, more comfortable place to live and rest. They can also help to reduce the load that the camel carries.

3) How do human beings look after the living arrangement of other animals?

A) Human beings let cats rest on chairs, chickens roost upon rails and kittens stay in water houses. They build stable for puppies, enclosure for lambs, coops for hens and pens for sheep.

4) Which animals does the camel compare itself to?

A) The camel compares itself to canary birds, parrots, poodles, chickens, puppies, oysters, lambs, hen, kitten, pigs, giraffes, oxen, rabbits, foxes, weasel, alligator and lizard.

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

A) The last lines of every stanza are similar as they all 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 / any place / anywhere / any load / any shape does for me. In all these lines, the camel is saying that no one care about how it live, rest or looks. The word does means work here.

B) Think And Answer

1) How does the camel sound - unhappy, grateful, jealous or something? Could it be proud? Give example to support your

answers:

1) The ~~so~~ camel may sound unhappy and jealous when it compares itself with 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 the 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 to human beings?

1) The poem mentions that the camel is sometimes ridden by entire families. They tell 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

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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?

A) The first and third lines of each stanza have rhyming words within them. These are feed/seed, puddles/noodles, aware/chair, able/stable, enclosed/exposed, teated/heated, laugh/giraffe, habitat/rabbit, snow/ground, glligator/straighten.

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?

A) The fact that the poem is narrated by a 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 complaints, they would not be able to talk about it exactly as the camel can, only the camel can talk about its problems and yet sound ~~fo~~ funny.

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