

to appreciate what we have but we will ~~always~~ always keep complaining by comparing ourselves with others.

Question and Answer ;

Answer these questions.

~~How old was~~ What are the five things, according to the camel, that no one cares about ?

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

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

Human beings can help get the camel better food, more comfortable places to live and rest.

They can also help to reduce the load that the camel carries. The look, shape, size and features of the camel can't be changed.

Q3 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 kittens stays in warm houses. They build stable for puppies, enclosures for lambs, coops for hens and pens for sheep.

Q4 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.

Q5 How are the last lines of every stanza similar?

What is the meaning of the word 'does' in this context?

ans = 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~~ 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 Think and Answer

Q1 How does the camel sound - unhappy, jealous or something else? Could it be proud? Give ~~example~~ examples to support your answers.

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

Q2 What does this poem say about how helpful camel is to human beings.

ans = The poem mention that the camel is sometimes ridden by entire families. This tell us how the camel is useful to human beings. Also people do not bother about what the camel as its ^{eats} where its says. This tell us that the camel can leave and work without any special arrangements. People use camel without having to worry too much about its food or shelter.

Appreciating the poem

Q1 Which two lines in each stanza, have rhyming words within them? What are those rhyming words?

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/exposed, treated/heated, laugh/grow, habit/rabbit, round/ground, alligator/straight

Q2 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 a camel makes it funny. The camel compares it self 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 an camel can. Only camels can talk about its problem and get sound funny.

Read this line.

A snake is as round as a hole in the ground...

This is an example of a **simile**—a comparison of one thing with another to point to a particular quality, using words such as 'like' or 'as'. Here, the camel is pointing out how a coiled snake looks circular, like a hole.

Complete these similes with names 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 a rabbit

6. as sly as a fox

Writing

Some years ago, a Rajasthani villager had saved the life of a camel