

The plaint of camel

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Q1) What are the five things, according to the camel, that no one carries about?

Ans) According to the camel, no one carries about what it rests, eats, lives, how much load it carries and its shape.

Q2) What 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 the camel better food, more comfortable places to live and rest. They can also help to reduce the load that the camel ~~carries~~ carries. The look, shape and size can't be changed.

Q3) How do human beings look after the living arrangements of other animals?

Ans) Human beings let the cats rest on chairs, chickens roost upon rails and kittens stay in warm house. They build stable for puppies, ~~are~~ enclosures for lambs, coops for hens and pens for sheep.

Q4) Which animals does the camel compare itself to?

Ans) The camel compares itself with canary-birds, parrots, poodles, cats, chickens, puppies, oysters, lamb, hens, kittens, sheep, giraffe, ox, rabbit, fox, snake, weasels, alligator and lizards.

5 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 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.

6) How does the camel sound - unhappy, jealous, grateful 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 animals and describe how they have better places to live, better things to eat and even better shapes. It even calls itself a poor camel because it's 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.

Q 2) What does the poem say about how helpful the camel is to human beings?

Ans) The poem mentions that the camel is sometimes ridden by entire families. This tells us how the camel is useful to human beings. Also, people don't 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.

Q) Appreciating the poem

- 1) feed/seed, poodles/noodles, aware/chaire, able/stable, enclosed/exposed, treated/heated, laugh/giraffe, habit/rabbit, round/ground, alligator/straighten