

THE SHIP OF THE DESERT

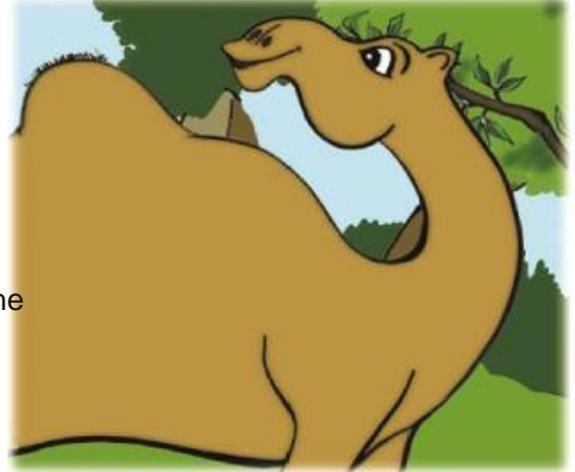
Lion (roaring): Who are you?

Camel (looking down at the Lion):
I am the Ship of the Desert. Who
are you?

Lion: Don't you know me? I'm the King of the
Forest.

Camel: Are you? Oh, I see.

Lion (frowning): You call yourself
the Ship of the Desert. How can
you be a ship, you're an animal?





Camel (smiling): So I am, but people call me the Ship of the Desert. I can walk across the desert even on a hot afternoon. The sand burns but it doesn't bother me.

Lion: I can't believe it.

Camel: Can you walk across a desert?

Lion (blinking): No, I can't, but I can run in the forest.

Camel (with disdain): Every animal can do that. I alone can run on sand. I can run on sand at 25 kilometres an hour.

Lion (wonderingly): How can you do that?



Camel: Look at my feet. They are thick and padded. The hot sun does not burn them.

Lion: My feet are padded too. Thorns don't prick them and I can run 80 kilometres an hour.

Camel: That is true. You can run 80 kilometres an hour in the forest but can you run even a mile on the hot sand?

Lion: May be not but....

Camel (interrupting): And you can't live without water for a week, can you?

Lion: No, I can't. I need water every day. But don't tell me you can do without water?

Camel: Yes, I can. There are no rivers or lakes in a desert. But that does not bother me. I can drink 200 bottles of water at a time.

Lion: Really! You must have a big stomach!

Camel (proudly): Yes, I have a big stomach. I can store water for a week. I can store food for two weeks even.

Lion (showing a lot of interest): Do you store food in your stomach?

Camel: No, I don't. I store it in my hump. I eat a lot of food at one time. Then I don't need to eat for a fortnight.

Lion: That's interesting. But what do you eat?

Camel: I eat leaves, but there are no trees in a desert.

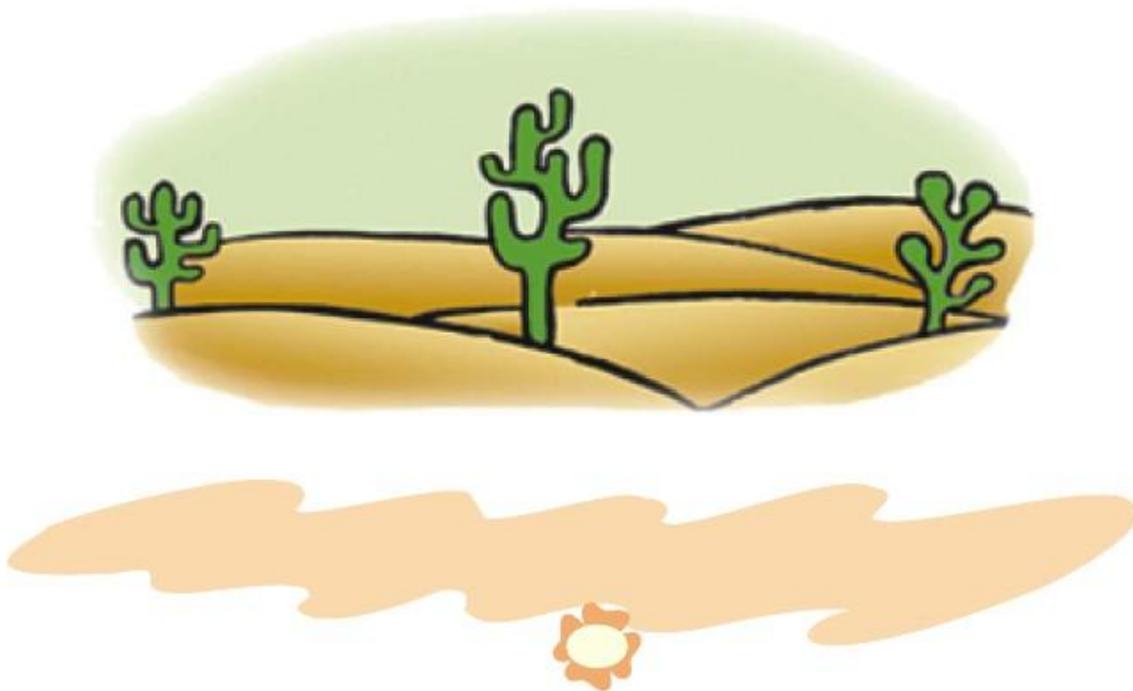
Lion: What do you eat there?

Camel: There are thorny bushes in the desert. I eat the thorns. The thorns don't prick my thick tongue.

Lion: How funny!

Camel: Mr King of the Forest, please come with me to the desert.

Lion: No, I'd better not. I can't walk on burning sand, I can't store food and water and I can't eat thorns. Good bye and good luck, Mr Ship of the Desert.



New words:

1. Ship of the Desert
2. Miles
3. King of the Forest
4. Sand
5. Thorns

i. Name the Ship of the Desert

- (a) lion (c) camel
(b) crab (d) tiger

ii. Name the King of the Forest

- (a) lion (c) monkey
(b) owl (d) crocodile

iii. The feet of the camel are

- (a) thick and padded (c) thick and fat
(b) long and fat (d) thin and padded

iv. There are no rivers or lakes in

- (a) plains (c) plateaus
(b) mountains (d) deserts

v. At a time a camel can drink

- (a) 200 bottles of water (c) 100 bottles of water
(b) 400 bottles of water (d) 300 bottles of water

vi. A camel stores its food in its

- (a) stomach (c) legs
(b) hump (d) lips

Word building



Make as many words as you can from within the given words.

The first one is done for you.

ROARING	IN	RAN	ROAR
FROWNING	ROW	OWN	RING
BLINKING	LINK	KING	BLINK
WONDERINGLY	WING	WRONG	WONDER

Match the pictures with the words given below



mane



paw



hoof



beak



feet



whiskers



fin



tusk



Let's write



Look at the goats in the pictures and write about them.



1. Two goats are coming from opposite directions to cross the bridge but only one can cross it at one time.



2. Since no one is ready to move back, they started fighting



3. As a result both of them fall into the river.

Talk time



Read these words aloud, paying attention to their spellings.

i	–	eye	our	–	hour
week	–	weak	need	–	knead
in	–	inn	see	–	sea
no	–	know	here	–	hear
not	–	knot	eight	–	ate
of	–	off	two	–	too
bye	–	by			

Now make sentences with each word.

No one knows the answer

I got my eye checked

Our friends will arrive in an hour

I am too weak to visit you within a week

Travellers are taking rest in the inn

I can clearly see the vast sea from here



Q and A

1. Why the Camel is called the Ship of the Desert?

The camel is called the ship of the desert because it walks across the burning sand very comfortably

2. For how many weeks can a camel store food in its hump?

A camel can store its food in its hump for two weeks

3. What does the camel eat in the desert?

The camel eats thorny bushes in the desert