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What do you know about camels?

Do camels have one hump or two humps? _____

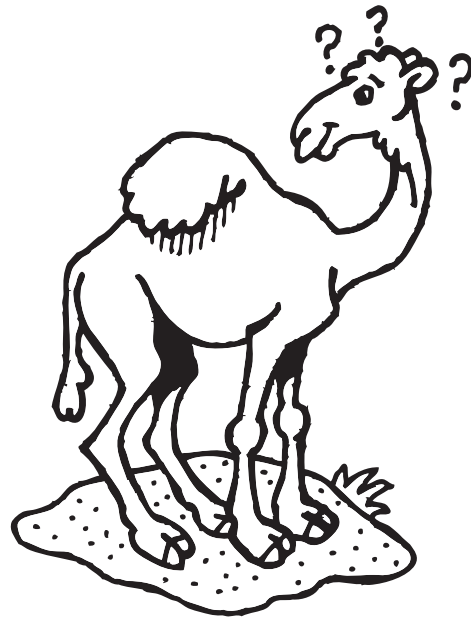
What do camels store in their humps? _____

You can read about camels in books.

Bactrian camels
have two humps.

Dromedary camels
have one hump.

Camels store fat in
their humps.



What if there is little food? The camel uses the fat in its hump. The hump droops and falls over!

There is a camel with one hump. The hump is drooping and falling over. Write about this camel. What kind is it? Why is its hump drooping? Does this mean that it is sick?

Tornado Warning!

In Case of a Tornado

1. Go to a basement or inside room or hallway on lowest floor.
2. Stay away from windows.
3. Crouch down if you can, under a sturdy desk or table.
4. If outside or in car, leave car and lie flat in a ditch or low spot.

You are a weather announcer. You need to give a tornado warning. Write down what you will say over the radio by following these steps:

1. Introduce yourself and tell who you are working for. Make up a place!
2. Tell people what is coming.
3. Tell people where they should go.
4. Tell people what to stay away from.
5. Tell people what to do.
6. Tell people outside or in a car what to do.



Practice reading your announcement out loud to yourself. When you read, think about how announcers make their voices sound excited and calm at different times. Read your announcement to the class or a friend when you are ready.

The Best Book

There are all kinds of books. Some books are fiction. **Fiction** books are made up. Some books are fact books. Fact books are nonfiction. **Nonfiction** books are about real things.

Think of a book that you like a lot. The book can be fiction or nonfiction. Now you are going to tell someone else about this story or book. Follow these steps when you write down what you are going to say.

1. Introduce yourself and which book you are going to talk about.
2. Give the author's name and state if the book is fiction or nonfiction.
3. Name the characters.
4. State where it takes place.
5. Describe the main action.
6. Tell about a part you really liked or found exciting or scary.



Goldilocks

The story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* is fiction. It is made-up. It is a story people like to tell. In the story, Goldilocks goes into the bears' house when they have gone out into the woods so that their porridge can cool. Goldilocks sits in their chairs. She tastes their porridge. She sleeps in their beds. Imagine you are Baby Bear. Now imagine you are telling someone about the day Goldilocks came to your house. Write down what you tell your friend about:

- **why** you go into the woods.
- **how** you felt when you saw your broken chair.
- **how** you felt when you saw that all of your porridge had been eaten.
- **how** you felt when you saw Goldilocks in your bed.
- **what** you think of Goldilocks.