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- Camel lived in the desert. He never did any work.
- He even liked to brag about how lazy he was!
  But the other animals worked very hard.
- One day, Horse told Camel, "You must work like the rest of us!"



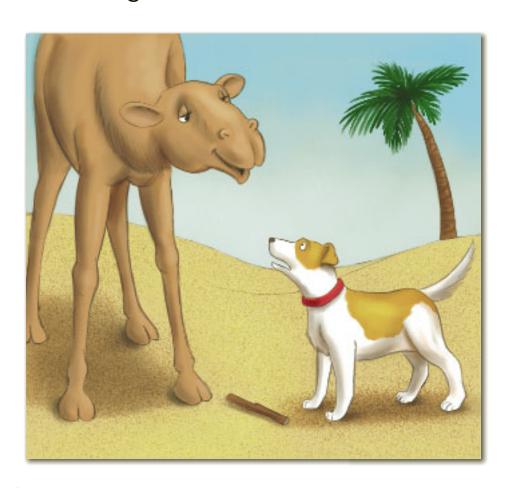
- "Humph," said Camel.

  Then he turned and walked in the other direction.
- Horse was angry.

  He went to tell the others.



- The next day Camel went for a walk.
- He saw Dog.
  "You must work like the rest of us!"
  said Dog.



- "Humph," said Camel.

  Then he turned and walked in the other direction.
- Dog was angry.

  He went to tell the others.



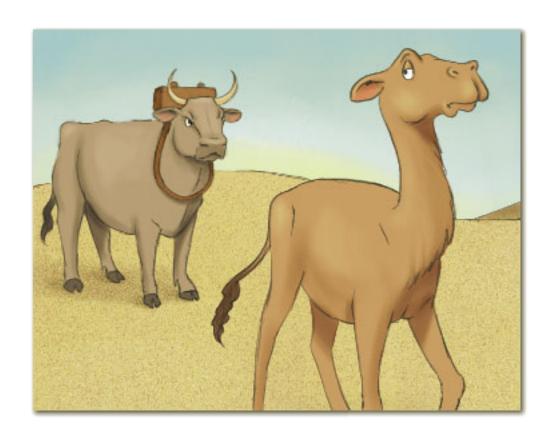
- The next day Camel went for another walk.
- He saw Ox.

  "You must work like the rest of us," said Ox.



- "Humph," said Camel.

  Then he turned and walked in the other direction.
- Ox was angry, and he went to tell the others.

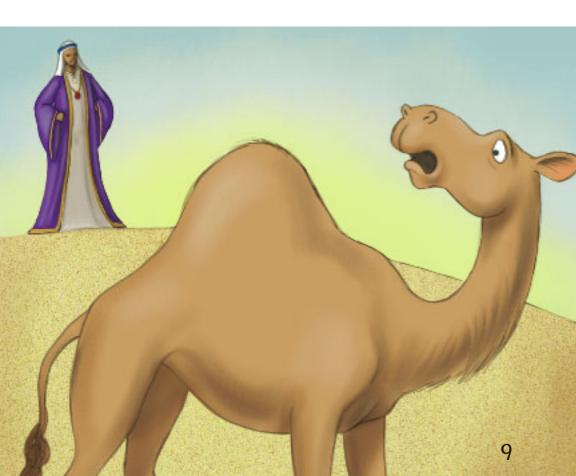


- The next day Camel went for another walk.
- He saw the desert king.

  "You must not tease the other animals by saying 'humph' and refusing to work!" the king said.



- Camel stood up tall. "Humph," said Camel.
- Suddenly, Camel felt his back puff up.He curled his head around to look at it.



- On his back there was a big hump! "You have said 'humph' too many times," said the king. "So I have given you a hump!
- From now on you will carry a hump on your back."

  And to this day, Camel still carries a hump with him.



# Responding

### TARGET SKILL Understanding

**Characters** What kind of character is Camel? Copy the chart and add details from the story.

Words	Actions	What I Know
"Humph"	Camel did not help others.	Camel is ?

### **Write About It**

Text to World Use a few sentences to write a summary essay about why the other animals were unhappy with Camel. Include only the most important ideas from the story. Then explain how Camel should have acted and why.

### TARGET VOCABULARY

brag height

curled tease

direction toward

healed tunnel

TARGET SKILL Understanding

**Characters** Tell more about characters.

- **TARGET STRATEGY Summarize** Stop to tell important events as you read.
- **GENRE** A **folktale** is a story that is often told by people of a country.

Level: |

**DRA:** 16

**Genre:** 

**Folktale** 

**Strategy:** 

**Summarize** 

**Skill:** 

**Understanding Characters** 

**Word Count: 274** 



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