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The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Circle group

Cam the camel was going on a trip. He packed a rug. He packed a lamp. He packed a chair, a drum, and ten jars of jam.

He tied the pack on his back. But the pack was so heavy. Each step was slow. Cam puffed.

At the top of a dune, he sat down. "I do not need a chair," he said. He left the chair. He left the drum. He left the jam, but one jar.

Now Cam walked with a light step.

Questions

1. What was Cam going on?

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2. Name one thing Cam packed.

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3. Why was each step slow?

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4. What did Cam leave on the dune?

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5. What did Cam learn about packing?

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Words to know

camel: a tall animal with a hump that lives in hot, dry places
pack: to put things in a bag for a trip
dune: a hill of sand
puff: to breathe hard after hard work

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Triangle group

Cam the camel was going on a trip. He packed a rug. He packed a lamp. He packed a chair, a drum, and ten jars of jam.

"I might need them," said Cam. He tied the pack on his back and set off. But the pack was so heavy. Each step was slow. Cam puffed and huffed.

At the top of a dune, he sat down. "I do not need a chair," he said. He left the chair. He left the drum. He left the jam, but he kept one jar.

Now Cam walked with a light step. He packed just what he needed.

Questions

1. What was Cam the camel going on?

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2. Can you name two things Cam packed?

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3. Why was each step slow?

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4. What did Cam leave on the dune?

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5. What did Cam learn about packing?

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Words to know

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The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Square group

Cam the camel was preparing for a long trip across the desert. He packed a rug, a lamp, a chair, a drum, and ten jars of jam.

"I might need all of these," said Cam. He tied the enormous pack onto his back and set off, but it was dreadfully heavy. Each step was slow, and Cam puffed and huffed.

At the top of a sandy dune, he sat down to rest. "I do not need a chair," he decided. He left the chair behind, along with the drum and most of the jam, though he kept one jar.

Now Cam walked with a light step. He had packed only what he truly needed.

Questions

1. What was Cam preparing for?

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2. Can you name two things Cam packed?

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3. Why was each of Cam's steps so slow?

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4. What did Cam leave behind on the dune?

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5. What did Cam learn about packing for a trip?

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Words to know

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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Easier · 85 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -1.1

1. A trip.
2. A rug, a lamp, a chair, a drum, or jam.
3. The pack was so heavy.
4. The chair, the drum, and most of the jam.
5. To pack only what you need.

Triangle: The Camel Who Packed Too Much

This passage · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. A trip.
2. A rug, a lamp, a chair, a drum, or jam.
3. The pack was so heavy.
4. The chair, the drum, and most of the jam.
5. To pack only what you need.

Square: The Camel Who Packed Too Much

Harder · 114 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. A long trip across the desert.
2. A rug, a lamp, a chair, a drum, or jam.
3. The pack on his back was dreadfully heavy.
4. The chair, the drum, and most of the jam.
5. To pack only the things you truly need.