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The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

Circle group

Cal the camel was proud of his strong back. A potter asked him to carry jars to the market. "How many can you take?" he asked.

"All of them!" said Cal. The potter put twenty jars on his back. They wobbled like a tall tower.

Cal took one step, then two. Clink. Clank. A jar fell and broke. Then another. At the hill, only five jars were left.

The potter sighed. "Next time, we will go twice." So Cal took ten jars, then ten more. None broke.

At the market, the potter sold every jar. Cal learned that strong does not mean all at once. A small load goes far.

Questions

1. What did the potter ask Cal to carry?

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2. How many jars were on Cal's back at first?

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3. What happened to the jars on the way?

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4. How did they fix the problem?

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5. Why did Cal say he could take all of them?

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6. What is the lesson of the story?

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Words to know

potter: a person who makes bowls and jars from clay
market: a place where people buy and sell things
load: the things that a person or animal carries

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 Carried Too Many Jars

Triangle group

Cal the camel was proud of his strong back. A potter asked him to carry jars to the market. "How many can you take?" the potter asked.

"All of them!" said Cal. The potter stacked twenty jars on his back, and they wobbled like a tall tower.

Cal took one step, then two. Clink. Clank. A jar fell and broke. Then another. By the time he reached the hill, only five jars were left.

The potter sighed. "Next time, we will make two trips." So Cal carried ten jars, then ten more. Not one broke.

At the market, the potter sold every jar. Cal learned that being strong does not mean doing everything at once. A smaller load, carried well, goes much farther.

Questions

1. What did the potter ask Cal to carry?

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2. How many jars did the potter stack on Cal's back at first?

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3. What happened to the jars on the way?

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4. How did they fix the problem the next time?

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5. Why did Cal say he could take all of them?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

potter: a person who makes bowls and jars from clay
market: a place where people buy and sell things
stacked: piled one on top of another
load: the things that a person or animal carries

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

Square group

Cal the camel took great pride in his strong back. A potter asked him to carry a collection of jars to the busy market. "How many do you think you can manage?" the potter inquired.

"Every last one!" boasted Cal. The potter stacked twenty jars on his back, and they teetered like an enormous tower.

Cal took one step, then two. Clink. Clank. A jar tumbled off and shattered. Then another followed. By the time he reached the hill, only five jars remained.

The potter sighed heavily. "Next time, we will make two separate trips." So Cal carried ten jars, and then ten more. Not a single jar broke.

At the market, the potter sold every one. Cal discovered that being strong does not mean doing everything at once. A smaller load, carried carefully, travels much farther.

Questions

1. What did the potter ask Cal to carry to the market?

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2. How many jars did the potter stack on Cal's back at first?

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3. What happened to many of the jars along the way?

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4. How did they solve the problem the next time?

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5. Why did Cal boast that he could carry every jar?

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6. What lesson does the story teach?

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Words to know

potter: a person who makes bowls and jars from clay
market: a place where people buy and sell things
stacked: piled one on top of another
load: the things that a person or animal carries

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?

For the teacher: The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

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

Circle: The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

Easier · 110 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.2

1. Jars to the market.
2. Twenty.
3. Many fell and broke.
4. They went twice with ten jars each time.
5. He was proud of his strong back.
6. Doing a little at a time is wiser than too much at once.

Triangle: The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

This passage · 123 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1.2

1. Jars to the market.
2. Twenty.
3. Many of them fell and broke.
4. They made two trips with ten jars each.
5. He was proud of being strong and wanted to show it.
6. Doing a little at a time is wiser than trying to do too much at once.

Square: The Camel Who Carried Too Many Jars

Harder · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.4

1. A collection of jars.
2. Twenty.
3. They tumbled off and shattered.
4. They made two separate trips with ten jars each.
5. He took great pride in his strength and wanted to show it off.
6. Handling a little at a time is wiser than attempting too much at once.