

(Supplementary) Chapter 1 : How the Camel got his Hump

Comprehension Check (Page No. 3)

Question 1:

What tasks, do you think, were assigned to the dog and the ox?

Answer 1:

All the animals were assigned different tasks. The dog was assigned the task of fetching and carrying sticks, while the ox was assigned the task of ploughing the fields.

Question 2:

Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?

Answer 2:

The camel lived in the middle of the desert because it is reluctant to do any work. Its diet included sticks, thorns, and prickles, and when anybody had a conversation with it, it said "Humph!" and nothing else.

Question 3:

What made the dog, the horse and the ox very angry?

Answer 3:

The man asked the dog, the horse and the ox to work double-time so that they could cover up for the work not done by the camel as the camel could not work and the man was about to leave it alone. This made the three of them very angry.

Question 4:

How did the Djinn know the horse was complaining against the camel?

Answer 4:

The Djinn knew that the horse was complaining against the camel because he was the in-charge of all the deserts and knew about everything happening in relation to his deserts.

Comprehension Check (Page No. 5)

Question 1:

The camel was looking at his own reflection in the pool. What does it suggest to you about the camel?

Answer 1:

The camel's looking at his own reflection in the pool shows that he admired his hump. He was somehow proud of his appearance and liked admiring himself.

Question 2:

The camel said, "Humph" repeatedly. How did it affect him?

Answer 2:

When the camel said "Humph!" repeatedly despite the Djinn's warning, his back puffed up into a big hump.

Question 3:

What, according to the Djinn, was the use of the "humph"?

Answer 3:

According to the Djinn, the hump was helpful for storing his food and could be used during continuous work for many days.

Question 4:

"...he has never yet learnt to behave". In the light of this, what is the writer's opinion about the camel?

Answer 4:

As per the writer, the camel is still a very lazy animal that is disinclined to work. After getting the hump, the Djinn asked him to go out of the desert to assist the other three animals. But the camel still did not improve itself and worked idly and slowly in the desert itself. That is why he was incapable of completing the pending work of the three missed days and he therefore he is still carrying the hump and living in the desert.

Exercise

Question 1:

Can this story be factually true?

Answer:

This story is a tool for moral teaching and can't be factually true as it involves talking animals and the djinn. These things do not exist in the real world.

Question 2:

What according to you, is the story about?

- (i) How the world began.
- (ii) Why everyone should do his/her share of work seriously.
- (iii) How animals are important to humans.
- (iv) How the camel got his hump.

Answer:

The story talks about the camel not doing his share of work and behaving erratically with others. In response to his wrongdoings, he got a punishment in form of the hump. This indicates that every person should do his/her share of work seriously.

Question 3:

What did you do over the weekend? Were you generally active or idle? Please check your back before starting to discuss or answer the question.

Answer:

On the weekend, I got up late. I watched my favourite TV series, played cricket in the afternoon.

Question 4:

There are broadly two categories of workers—those who prefer to do today what they can do tomorrow, and those who prefer to do tomorrow what they can do today. Where do you belong?

Answer:

Do it yourself