

# Camel Lessons and Lapbook

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#### **Camel Family Names**

Male – Stallion

Female – Mare

Young – Foal

→ Complete the Camel Family Names Flap Book

### Camel Diet

How Do You Know When a Camel Needs Water?

When a camel needs water, a hollow area can be found behind the ribs.

→ Complete the How Do You Know When a Camel Needs Water? Simple Fold

Camels eat short grasses, other plants, fish, and even thorns. They are ruminants, like cows. They regurgitate their food to chew it again.

 $\rightarrow$  Complete the Camel Diet Matchbook

# Bactrian Camels vs. Dromedary Camels

All camels have long necks, woolly coats, and thin legs, but the two main types have their differences.

Bactrian camels are shorter than dromedary camels and have two humps, making it easier to ride than a dromedary. Bactrian camels also live in the mountains, while dromedaries live in the desert.

ightarrow Complete All Camels Have Triangle Petal Book

ightarrow Complete the Bactrian vs. Dromedary Venn Diagram Flap Book

# How Are Dromedary Camels Built for Survival?

Feet: Camel feet are like pads - designed to help the animal stay on top of the sand. Their feet expand when they step and contract when they lift to help camels walk in sand.

Head: A camel's head has built in sun blockers – broad ridges of bone stick out above each eye to keep the sun out. Camel ears are small so that sand isn't as likely to fly in.

Neck: Camels use their necks to look for miles into the desert to find food and water.

Nostrils: Camels can shut their nostrils when the wind whips the sand into the air so that the sand doesn't get into their lungs.

Eyes: Camels have an additional third eyelid that is see-through and acts like a windshield and visor. When a camel is walking through a sandstorm, the third eyelid protects their vision and allows them to walk through without getting sand in their eyes.

 $\rightarrow$  Complete the Dromedary Tab Book

# The Relationship Between Camels and People

Why do people need camels?

People need camels in order to cross/live in the desert and carry heavy things.

Why do camels need people?

Camels need people so the humans can draw water deep down from the ground and the camels can drink.

→ Complete the Camels & People Twice Folded Book

#### How Do Camels Stay Cool?

Camels can change the temperature of their body up to 6 degrees Fahrenheit to match the heat and to not sweat as much. Camels will also turn the front of their bodies toward the sun so not as much of the camel is exposed to the blazing heat of the sun.

ightarrow Complete the Keeping Cool Matchbook

#### Does a Camel Get Angry?

Yes. Camels are known for holding grudges for years, and camel masters will actually give their grumpy camels their jackets to rip to shreds so the camel will calm down.

→ Complete the Temper, Temper Matchbook

#### How Strong Is a Camel?

A camel is so strong that it can carry the weight of another camel.

ightarrow Complete the as Strong as a Camel Simple Fold

#### New Words

Use the new words book to record new words you encounter during your camel study. Include definitions, too.

#### Camels on the Map

The dromedary camel can be found in North African and in the Middle East. The Bactrian camel lives in central Asia.

Many camel relatives (llamas, alpacas, guanacos, and vicuñas) are found in South America.

ightarrow Complete the Finding Camels Simple Fold

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**Directions:** Use the map to mark where camels can be found. Cut out the map as one piece. Fold it in half. Cut out cover and paste it to the front of the map.



**Directions:** Cut on the solid lines. Write in words and definitions. Stack pages together with cover on top and staple on the left side.



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Cut the strips along the solid outer lines. If there is a rectangle piece in the right corner of the strip, cut it off as indicated ("remove this area"). Stack your strips in order with cover on top and staple where indicated.

**Directions:** Encourage your student to write a Camel Adventure Story. Cut out pocket as one piece. Fold back up and fold flaps around the back. Glue flaps down. Store your student's camel adventure story in the pocket.



**Directions:** You are looking at the inside of the book. Cut shape out as one piece. Fold flaps in using the dotted lines as your guide. Tuck the last flap under so that book will stay closed.



**Directions:** Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. On one side of the inside, paste one camel standing on top the other to show that some camels can carry their own weight. On the other side, write a bit about how strong camels are.







Directions: Cut out book as one piece. Fold in thirds. Cut out photos on the next page. Glue them in the book (three in each row). Alternatively, your student could tape each photo at the top to form a flap. Your student could write information about the animal under the flapping photo.







Directions: Cut book out as one piece. Fold in half. Unfold. Fold left side under. Fold right side under. Fold in half again.



Directions for Matchbooks on next page: Cut on solid. Fold on dotted lines (matchbook style).

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