

Quiz A: RL.4.5

Read the passage. Then answer the question.

“How the Camel Got His Hump”

Rudyard Kipling

- 1 Now, this is the next tale and it tells how the camel got his big hump.
- 2 In the beginning of years, when the world was so new and all, and the Animals were just beginning to work for Man, there was a Camel, and he lived in the middle of a Howling Desert because he did not want to work; and besides, he was a Howler himself. So he ate sticks and thorns and tamarisks and milkweed and prickles, most ‘scrucciating idle; and when anybody spoke to him he said ‘Humph!’ Just ‘Humph!’ and no more.
- 3 Presently, the Horse came to him on Monday morning, with a saddle on his back and a bit in his mouth, and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come out and trot like the rest of us.’
- 4 ‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Horse went away and told the Man.
- 5 Presently, the Dog came to him with a stick in his mouth, and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come and fetch and carry like the rest of us.’
- 6 ‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Dog went away and told the Man.
- 7 Presently, the Ox came to him with the yoke on his neck and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come and plough like the rest of us.’
- 8 ‘Humph!’ said the Camel; and the Ox went away and told the Man.
- 9 At the end of the day, the Man called the Horse and the Dog and the Ox together, and said, ‘Three, O Three, I’m very sorry for you (with the world so new-and-all); but that Humph-thing in the Desert can’t work, or he would have been here by now, so I am going to leave him alone, and you must work double-time to make up for it.’
- 10 That made the Three very angry (with the world so new-and-all), and they held a palaver, and an indaba, and a punchayet, and a pow-wow on the edge of the Desert; and the Camel came chewing milkweed most ‘scrucciating idle, and laughed at them. Then he said ‘Humph!’ and went away again.
- 11 Presently there came along the Djinn in charge of All Deserts, rolling in a cloud of dust (Djinn always travel that way because it is Magic), and he stopped to palaver and pow-pow with the Three.
- 12 ‘Djinn of All Deserts,’ said the Horse, ‘is it right for anyone to be idle, with the world so new-and-all?’
- 13 ‘Certainly not,’ said the Djinn.

