

Reading Plus

Lesson 2

Exercise 18

A. Scanning:

1. How many words in the first paragraph are capitalized?
2. How many times, and on which lines of the first paragraph, can you find numbers written out as words?
3. What is the total number of times that some form of the word “hump” appears in this reading passage?
4. On which line can you find 4 different physical characteristics of the camel listed in a row?
5. On which line does the word “Bactrian” appear for the last time?

B. Locating Information:

1. How many different kinds of camels are discussed in the first paragraph?
2. On which line does the average height of a camel appear? What is the average height?
3. On which line does the average speed of a camel appear? What is the average speed?
4. What can you assume about the author based on the fact that this timed reading presents all measurements in kilometers?
5. If you were an Arabian camel living in your natural habitat, where would you live?

C. Grammar:

1. What happens to the meaning of the first sentence of the second paragraph if you delete the word “are” (line 4)? Would it still be a grammatically correct sentence or would you have to change anything else?
2. According to line 6 of this timed reading, “A camel is more than two meters tall.” Which of the following sentences, then, is grammatically correct? “A camel is less than three meters tall.” or “A camel is fewer than three meters tall.”
3. In this timed reading, there are several sentences that compare and contrast. Twice in the reading different kinds of camels are compared to each other and once camels are compared to horses. On which lines do these specific comparisons appear? Underline all three of these comparative adjectives.
4. The adjective clause “which gets darker as the camel ages” on line 13 refers to which noun in the fourth paragraph?
5. The adjective clause “which live in colder climates” on line 14 refers to which noun in the fourth paragraph?

D. Vocabulary:

1. Find the word in the first paragraph that means “the big bump on the back of the camel’s neck.”

2. According to the first paragraph of this timed reading, what is another name for the Arabian camel?
3. According to the first paragraph of this timed reading, what is another name for the Bactrian camel?
4. Find a word in the second paragraph that means “something large that must be carried.”
5. Find a word in the second paragraph that is an antonym of “straight.”
6. Find a word in the third paragraph that means “to live in” or “occupy” a place.
7. Find a word in the third paragraph that could be replaced by the word “approximately” without changing the meaning of the sentence.
8. Is the word “Riding” in line 10 part of a noun phrase or a verb phrase?
9. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that means “to get older.”
10. Find a word in the fourth paragraph that means “to lose one’s hair.”

