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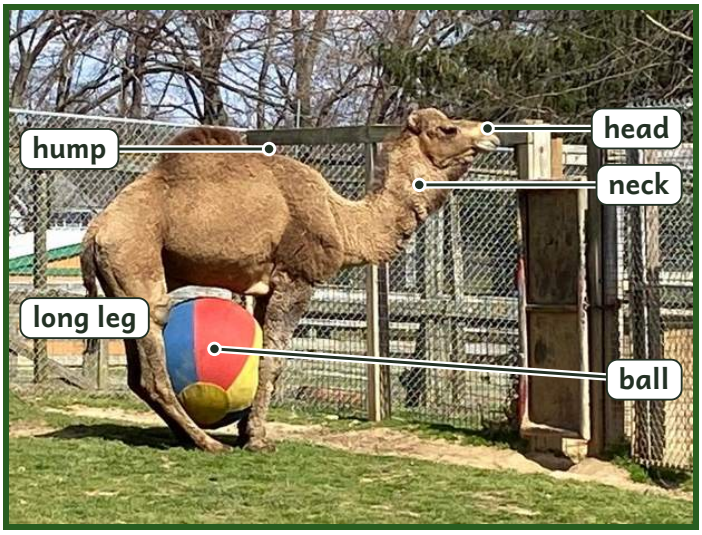
DROMEDARY CAMEL

Camelus dromedarius

GRADES K–2

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Teachers: read this page aloud, one part at a time (about 5 minutes). Children follow along and say the bold words.



This is Abu. He plays with his ball.

Its body

This camel has 1 **hump**.
The hump stores fat, not water.
It is about 6 feet tall.

Its home (habitat)

These camels live in deserts.
They came from Arabia and North Africa.
Abu and Chloe live at our zoo.



■ Lives in parts of this area ★ Plumpton Park Zoo, Rising Sun, MD

Its food

It eats grass and leaves.
It can eat thorny plants.

Its babies (life cycle)

A baby camel is a **calf**.
It walks soon after it is born.
It drinks milk for 1 to 2 years.

Fun facts

Keepers put young camels on a scale.
That shows how they grow.
Camels bring food back up to chew again!

Words to know

calf: a baby camel
desert: a very dry place
hump: a store of fat on a camel's back

Talk about it

1. What is inside a camel's hump?
2. How many humps does this camel have?
3. What does a new calf do soon after birth?

Learn more: plumptonparkzoo.org/mammals/dromedary-camel/ · **Sources:** Köhler-Rollefson, Mammalian Species 375; Animal Diversity Web; FAO; Faye (2020); Kadim & Purchas (2019); Alhaddad et al. (2024); Plumpton Park Zoo records.
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DROMEDARY CAMEL

Before and after your visit

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Name _____ **Date** _____

Before you visit · 5 minutes

What do you think? Circle **YES** or **NO**.

1. This camel has 1 hump. **YES** **NO**
2. The hump is full of water. **YES** **NO**
3. A baby camel is a calf. **YES** **NO**
4. Camels live on the ice. **YES** **NO**

At the zoo · with a partner

Check each one you see.

- ☐ 1 hump
- ☐ long neck
- ☐ long legs
- ☐ head
- ☐ big ball
- ☐ ears

What is it doing? Circle one.

eating · walking · resting · playing

After your visit · 10 minutes

Draw Abu the camel playing with a ball.

Draw here

A camel has _____

I learned that _____

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