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Camels

Camels are some of the world's most interesting creatures. Some camels have one hump on their backs. These are called dromedary camels. Other camels have two humps on their backs. These are called Bactrian camels. Camels are the only animals with humps. Many people believe that camels use their humps to store water, but that is false. Camels actually use their humps to store fat. A well-fed camel's hump can weigh up to 80 pounds! Humps allow camels to live up to two weeks without needing to eat. Camels live in the desert, where food and water is scarce. A camel's humps keep it alive and well during times when food and water are far away or unavailable.



- 1) What are camels with two humps on their backs called?
 - A. Dromedary camels
 - B. Bactrian camels
 - C. Two-hump camels
 - D. Desert camels
- 2) Camel humps are used to store
 - A. fat
 - B. muscle
 - C. milk
 - D. water
- 3) As used in the passage, the word scarce most nearly means
 - A. healthy and delicious
 - B. frightened
 - C. very expensive
 - D. hard to find

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4) Using the information in the passage, we can understand that

- A. Food and water aren't always available in the desert.
- B. Camels can have up to three humps on their backs.
- C. Camel humps can weigh up to 100 pounds.
- D. Lots of animals have humps on their backs.
- 5) This passage mostly provides
 - A. information on how long animals can go without food and water
 - B. facts about what food is available in the desert
 - C. information about how much a camel's hump can weigh
 - D. facts about camels and the humps on their backs

6) In your own words, explain the difference between dromedary and Bactrian camels.