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STAGE 1 · ENGLISH · READING PACK

Reading and understanding

Three texts to read and talk about, with questions that ask what the words say, what they mean, and what they do not say outright.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- The Wet Garden
- Camels
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- How each one is worked

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3 texts · 18 questions

Written for a parent teaching at home. No training assumed, and nothing else to buy.

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Camels

An information text. Read it twice: once straight through, and once with the questions.



A camel has one hump or two. The hump holds fat, not water. A camel can shut its nose. This keeps the sand out. Its feet are wide and flat. They do not sink in soft sand. A camel can walk for days without a drink.

1. What does the hump hold?

The second sentence tells you, and it is not water.

2. What can a camel shut?

Look for the word shut.

3. What are a camel's feet like?

Two words describe the feet.

4. How many humps can a camel have?

The first sentence tells you.

5. WORK IT OUT **Why is it useful for a camel to shut its nose?**

The sentence straight after tells you what it does.

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Rain on the Roof

A poem. Read it twice: once straight through, and once with the questions.



Rain on the roof,
rain on the tin,
tapping all night
to be let in.

Rain in the yard,
rain in the drain,
gone by the morning
and back again.

1. What is the rain tapping on?
Look at the first line.

2. When is the rain tapping?
Look at the third line.

3. Where is the rain in the second part?
The second part starts in a new place.

4. Which word rhymes with tin?
Say the ends of the lines out loud.

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How each one is worked

The answers to the **work it out** questions are model answers. A child who says something different and can show you where in the text it came from has done the work.



THE WET GARDEN

1. What was on the gate?

1. The passage says a snail sat on the gate.
2. So the answer is **a snail**.

Answer: **A snail**

2. What colour was the shell?

1. The passage says its shell was brown.
2. So the answer is **brown**.

Answer: **Brown**

3. How many puddles did Amina count?

1. The passage says Amina counted six puddles.
2. So the answer is **six**.

Answer: **Six**

4. Where was the biggest puddle?

1. The passage says the biggest one was by the wall.
2. So the answer is **by the wall**.

Answer: **By the wall**

5. What did Amina put on?

1. The passage says Amina put on her boots.
2. So the answer is **her boots**.

Answer: **Her boots**

6. WORK IT OUT **Why do you think Amina did not jump in the puddle?**

1. The passage says she did not jump in it.
2. The very next sentence says her mother was watching.
3. Putting the two together, she did not jump in because **her mother was watching**.

Answer: **Because her mother was watching**

CAMELS

1. What does the hump hold?

1. The passage says the hump holds fat, not water.
2. So the answer is **fat**.

Answer: **Fat**

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SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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