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The Clear Choice

by Kelly Hashway

Rachel squinted at the board. *Was that a five or an eight?* Her friends copied the math problems into their notebooks, but Rachel couldn't see the board from the back of the room.



"Rachel, is something wrong?" Mrs. Grimes asked.

"No, Mrs. Grimes."

Rachel slid over in her seat, trying to copy the problems from Jenny's paper.

"Rachel, would you please come to my desk?" Mrs. Grimes said.

Rachel jumped. She walked up to Mrs. Grimes's desk at the front of the room. "I wasn't trying to cheat." Rachel lowered her head and whispered, "I just can't see the board."

"Oh, that is a problem. It sounds like you're nearsighted. Do you have glasses you should be wearing?"

Rachel felt a lump in her throat. Her parents had taken her for glasses two weeks ago, but she didn't want to wear them in class where everyone would see.

Mrs. Grimes sighed. "I think I see the problem. You don't want your friends to know you need glasses. Is that right?"

Rachel nodded.

"Well, there is another solution. I could move your seat to the front of the room."

"But then I wouldn't be by Jenny and Amanda," Rachel said.

"You're going to have to make a decision, Rachel. Either you wear your glasses or I move your seat. The choice is up to you."

Rachel turned to look at Jenny and Amanda. Jenny had a worried expression on her face. Amanda mouthed the words, "What's wrong?"

They were good friends, and Rachel wanted to continue sitting by them.

"I think I'm going to keep my seat in the back," Rachel said.

Mrs. Grimes nodded. "Okay, but if I don't see you wearing your glasses when you're copying problems from the board, I'll be forced to move your seat."

"I understand." Rachel walked back to her seat, wondering how she was going to tell Jenny and Amanda that she needed to wear glasses.

"Are you in trouble?" Jenny asked.

"You look scared," Amanda said.

"I'm not in trouble. I just have to wear my glasses if I'm going to sit back here with you."

"Then put them on," Jenny said with a shrug.

Rachel smiled. "I will."

Note from the Author

Kelly Hashway

"The Clear Choice" is based on a true story from when I got glasses in third grade. I was so scared to let everyone see me wearing them, but sitting by my friends was more important to me than letting the class see me in glasses. I hope you enjoyed the story!

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1. Where was Rachel's seat in the classroom?
 - a. in the front
 - b. in the middle
 - c. in the back
 - d. near Mrs. Grimes' desk
2. Before Mrs. Grimes called Rachel to her desk, what two things did Rachel try to do when she couldn't see the board?

3. Why didn't Rachel want to wear her glasses?
 - a. She doesn't like the way she looks in them.
 - b. She does not know where she put them.
 - c. Her friends tease her when she wears them.
 - d. She does not want her friends to know she has them.
4. What was Mrs. Grimes going to do if Rachel chose not to wear her glasses?

5. How did Rachel react when her teachers called her up to talk with her?
 - a. She was cheerful.
 - b. She did not speak.
 - b. She was respectful.
 - d. She complained.

Now try this: On the back of this page, write two sentences that describe what Jenny and Amanda might say when they see Rachel wear her glasses.

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Do you know what the hump of a camel is used for? If you answered to store water, guess again. This rumor about camels storing water in their humps has been around for a long time, but it's actually not true. A camel's hump is a storage place for fatty tissue.

Most animals, including humans, store fat throughout their bodies, beneath their skin. But camels store their fat in one place, their hump. A hump can weigh as much as 80 pounds. Why do camels store their fat this way? The answer is most likely because of their environment. Camels can go up to two weeks without eating because they have this fatty tissue to live off of. Since camels live in the desert where food is scarce, they need this storage of fat to survive.

Camels have amazing survival skills built into their bodies. Their humps contribute to the camel staying cooler because all the body fat is concentrated to one area instead of being spread throughout the body. Also camels are great at handling changes in body temperature. They need to reach temperatures over 106 degrees Fahrenheit before they begin to sweat. And when they do sweat, it evaporates while on the camel's skin, instead of on its coat. This cools the camel much faster. Their coats also help them adapt to the heat. While the coat is thick, it reflects the sunlight and protects the camel from the heat that rises off the desert sand.

An adult camel measures just over six feet tall at its shoulder and over seven feet tall at its hump or humps. There are two kinds of camels, those with one hump and those with two humps. Camels with one hump are called Dromedary or Arabian camels. They live in the dry deserts in West Asia. Camels with two humps are called Bactrian camels. They live in Central and East Asia.

Besides their humps, camels have a lot of interesting features. They can live between 40-50 years. They can carry about 400 pounds and run up to 40 miles per hour. It's true that camels can go long periods of time without drinking water, and they can drink about 26 gallons of water at a time. If that's not interesting enough, camels have three sets of eyelids. Two of these sets come complete with eyelashes, while the third set is skin. Camels can also close their nostrils.

So whether a camel has one hump or two, it is one amazing creature that is very well adapted to its environment.

About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even has his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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1. What is a camel's hump used for?
 - a. to store water
 - b. to store fat
 - c. to store food
 - d. to carry riders
2. How does the color of a camel's coat help it to survive in the desert?

3. Fill in the blank lines.

Camels with one hump are called _____ or _____ camels.

Camels with two humps are called _____ camels.

4. How long can a camel live?
 - a. up to 5 decades
 - b. up to 5 centuries
 - c. up to 5 millennia
 - d. up to 5 generations

5. Which sentence is an opinion?
 - a. A camel's hump can weigh as much as 80 pounds.
 - b. When camels reach temperatures over 106 ° F, they begin to sweat.
 - c. Besides their humps, camels have a lot of interesting features.
 - d. Bactrian camels live in Central and East Asia.

Now Try This: Make a Venn diagram to compare and contrast Bactrian camels and Dromedary camels.

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One Hump or Two?

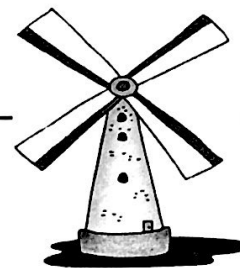
In the article, "One Hump or Two", you learned many interesting facts about camels.

Write a made-up story titled, "My Pet Camel." Use some of the facts from the article in your story.



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Deep Thoughts on Matter



1. Since you can pour sand into a cup, why isn't it a liquid?

2. You can't usually see gases in the air. How can you observe gases without seeing them?

3. Can you feel water in the air? Explain.

4. Does air have mass? Explain.

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Multiple-Step Problems



- a. The bakers at the Beverly Hills Bakery baked 200 loaves of bread on Monday morning. They sold 93 loaves in the morning and 39 loaves in the afternoon. How many loaves of bread did they have left?

- b. Hillary's teacher assigned 1 hour of reading during the weekend. On Friday night, Hillary read for 16 minutes. On Saturday she read for 28 minutes. How many minutes does Hillary have to read on Sunday to complete the assignment?

- c. Carlton and Will went fishing together. Carlton caught 21 bass and 7 walleye. Will caught 13 bass and 8 walleye. How many more fish did Carlton catch than Will?

- d. Dr. Banks had 330 toothbrushes to give away to his patients. He gave away 53 toothbrushes in January. He gave away 67 toothbrushes in February. In March he gave away 46 toothbrushes. How many toothbrushes does he have left?

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REDWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK



TICKETS

Adults.....	\$8.50
Kids (9 and under).....	\$5.25
Parking.....	\$6.00 per hour



REDWOOD SNACK SHACK

Popcorn.....	Small \$3.50, Large \$6.00
Pretzel.....	\$4.15
Cotton Candy.....	\$3.50



REDWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK Souvenir Stand

Stuffed Animal	\$11.00
Tee Shirts	\$7.00
Balloons	2 for \$3.00

1. Mr. Hong brought his 7 year-old daughter, Jin, and his 10 year-old son, Cai, to Redwood Amusement Park. He had the coupon pictured below.



What was the cost of his admission tickets?

1. _____

2. Cai went to the Redwood Snack Shack and bought three small bags of popcorn for his family. Later on, he returned and bought three pretzels. How much did he spend on snacks?

2. _____

3. Mr. Hong's children went to the souvenir stand. He bought 4 balloons for Jin and a stuffed animal for Cai. Mr. Hong gave the cashier a twenty dollar bill. What was his change?

3. _____

4. The Hong family parked their car in the parking lot for 4 hours. Mr. Hong gave three ten dollar bills to the parking attendant. What was his change?

4. _____

5. How much did the Hong family spend altogether on admission, parking, snacks, and souvenirs?

5. _____

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Score : _____

Teacher : _____

Date : _____

Word Problems

- 1) Sara has 45 dollars in five dollar bills. How many five dollars bills does she have ? _____
- 2) Tim has 54 orange balloons. He wants to give his six friends the same number of orange balloons, how many will each friend get ? _____
- 3) A restaurant sold 63 cakes last week. How many cakes on average were sold each day ? _____
- 4) Mary was at the beach for five days and found 36 seashells. She plans to give all of her seashells equally to her four friends. How many seashells will each friend get ? _____
- 5) Sandy has 90 cents in her bank. How many dimes does Sandy have ? _____
- 6) Tom, Jason, and Keith have 27 crayons all together. If the crayons are equally divided, how many will each person get ? _____
- 7) Jason worked 45 hours in the last five days. Assuming that he worked the same amount of hours each day, how long did he work each day ? _____
- 8) Mike goes out to lunch with Sam and Benny. The total bill came to 21 dollars. They decided to equally split up the bill, how much will each person have to pay ? _____
- 9) There were a total of 27 basketball games during the three month season. If the games are equally divided, how many basketball games are played a month ? _____
- 10) Sally goes fishing with Sara. They catch 18 trout. If they equally split up the trout, how may will each one get ? _____