



ABOUT YOU

Answer the questions and talk about your ideas.

- 1 What work can these animals do for people: horse, dog, ox, camel?
- 2 Which other animals work for people?
- 3 Do you think it is all right to be lazy sometimes? Why / Why not?

This text is from a famous book about animals. The author writes stories about why animals look like they do.

- 1 Read the text. As you read, think about this question.
What do you learn about the camel?

'How the Camel got his Hump' from *Just So Stories* (1902)

Rudyard Kipling

When the world was new and the Animals were just beginning to work for people, there was a Camel, and he lived in the **middle** of a Desert because he did not want to work and when the other animals spoke to him he said

- 5 'Humph!' Just 'Humph!' and no more.

The Horse came to him on Monday morning ready for work, a **saddle** on his back, and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come out and **trot** like the rest of us.'

- 10 'Humph!' said the Camel; and the Horse went away and told the people.

Soon the Dog came to him, with a **stick** in his mouth, and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come and work like the rest of us.'

- 15 Soon the Ox came to him, with **equipment** on his neck for using a plough and said, 'Camel, O Camel, come and **plough** like the rest of us.'

'Humph!' said the Camel; and the Ox went away and told the people.



- At **sunset** at the end of the day the people called the Horse and the Dog and the Ox together, and said, 'Three, O Three, 20 we are very sorry for you with the world so new but that Humph-thing in the Desert can't work, so we are going to leave him alone, and you must work double-time.'

- That made the Three very angry and they had a meeting. The Camel walked by and laughed at them. Then he said 25 'Humph!' and went away again.

GLOSSARY

middle	the centre of something
Humph	a short angry sound
saddle	a seat used on a horse
trot	the way a horse runs slowly
stick	a thin piece of wood
equipment	the things that are used for a particular activity or purpose
plough	a large farm machine that prepares the ground for plants
sunset	the time in the evening when you last see the sun

