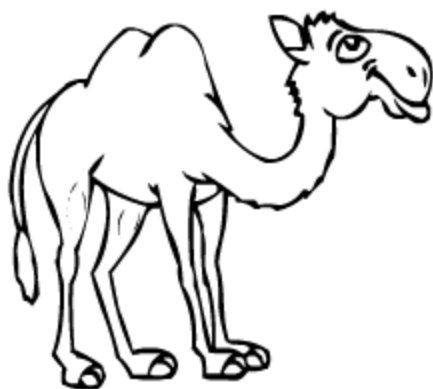


## C for CAMEL

Camels are called *ships of the desert*. They have several adaptations that protect them during sandstorms. They are used for transport, milk, hides and wool.



The camel each day  
Goes twice to his knees.  
He picks up his load  
With the greatest of ease.

He walks through the day  
With his head held high  
And stays for that day  
Completely dry!

A camel's hump stores fat not water. Fat is a source of energy when food is scarce.

Babies are born without a hump.

Camels may not drink water for up six months.

A thirsty camel can drink 100 litres of water in 10 minutes!

Camels have three stomachs. They chew their cud like cows.

Most camels are fed by people. They eat grass and grain.

The camel is one of the oldest domesticated animals.

People have been using them for more than 10,000 years.

The dromedary camel has one hump and long legs.

It lives in the deserts of Arabia and Africa.

The bactrian camel has two humps and a very thick coat.

It lives in Asia in areas that are mostly grasslands.