

# - The Ship of the Desert -

The Camel,/ the ship of the desert,/ **endures** drought and **famine**.// His internal body temperature/ can reach 42 degrees Celsius/ without breaking a sweat.// Their **lurching** steps **quicken**/ to the rhythm of Arabic camel songs.// This is not to say/ that they enjoy it,/ for camels are famous/ for **grumbling** under a burden.// Though generally **docile**,/ the temperamental beasts can be dangerous.// They are quite capable of **severing limbs**/ with powerful bites.// Male dromedaries/ (Arabian riding camels)/ fight by tripping/ and then pounding opponents with their knees.// They are known/ to **occasionally** throw passing riders/ down the steep **defiles** of narrow mountain passes/ unprovoked.//

The camel/ originated in North America,/ and the llama and alpaca are his cousins.// Introduced to Australia in the 19th century,/ **feral herds proliferated tremendously**.// In 2009,/ residents of Docker River, Australia/ were trapped in their homes/ by 6,000 **marauding** feral camels.// The pests are managed/ by snipers in helicopters.//

ラクダは / 砂漠の船であり / 干ばつと飢饉に耐える // 彼の体内温度は / 42度に達することができる / 汗をかくことなく //  
 彼らのよろよろとした足取りは速くなる / アラビアのラクダの歌のリズムに合わせて //  
 これは言っているわけではない / 彼らがそれを楽しんでいると / なぜならラクダは有名な / 重荷を背負うと文句を言うので // 一般的にはおとなしいが / 気まぐれな動物たちは危険であることもある // 彼らは手足を切り落とすことも十分にできる / 力強い噛みつきで // 雄のドロメダリー / (アラビアの乗用ラクダ) / は相手をつまらずに戦う / そして膝で相手を叩く // 彼らは知られている / 時折、通りかかるの乗り手を突き落とすことがあることで / 急峻な山道の谷間に / 何の前触れもなく //

ラクダは / 北アメリカに起源があり / リヤマやアルパカはその親戚である // 19世紀にオーストラリアに導入されると / 野生の群れは急速に増加した // 2009年には / オーストラリアのドッカー・リバーの住民が / 家に閉じ込められた / 6,000頭の略奪的な野生ラクダによって // 害獣 (=野生ラクダ) は管理されている / ヘリコプターに乗っている狙撃手によって //

## Vocabulary and Phrases

endure	耐える	limb	(動物)手足・(植物)枝
famine	飢饉	occasional	時折の
lurch	よろめく・急に傾く	defile	(峡谷の)狭くて険しい通り道
quicken	速める・活発になる	feral	野生化した
grumble	不平を言う	herd	群れ
docile	従順な	proliferate	急増する・繁殖する
sever	切断する	(pro / life / rate)	
		tremendous	ものすごい
		maraud	略奪する

## Total Number of words used

: 154 words

## Time for 100 wpm

: 92 sec.

## Time for 120 wpm

: 77 sec.

## Your BEST TIME

: \_\_\_\_\_ sec.



**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

The Camel, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, endures drought and famine. His \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ can reach 42 degrees Celsius without breaking a sweat. Their lurching \_\_\_\_\_, quicken to the rhythm of \_\_\_\_\_ camel songs. This is not to say that they enjoy it, for \_\_\_\_\_ are famous for grumbling under a \_\_\_\_\_. Though generally docile, the \_\_\_\_\_ beasts can be dangerous. They are \_\_\_\_\_ of severing limbs with powerful bites. Male dromedaries (Arabian \_\_\_\_\_ camels) fight by tripping \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ pounding opponents with their knees. They are known to occasionally throw passing riders down the \_\_\_\_\_ defiles of narrow \_\_\_\_\_ passes unprovoked.

The camel \_\_\_\_\_ in North America, and the llama and alpaca are his \_\_\_\_\_. Introduced to Australia in the 19th century, feral herds \_\_\_\_\_ tremendously. In 2009, residents of Docker River, Australia were \_\_\_\_\_ in their homes by 6,000 marauding feral \_\_\_\_\_. The pests are managed by \_\_\_\_\_ in helicopters.

**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** What is the ship of the desert?

**Question 2:** How can camels be dangerous?

**Question 3:** Do you like camels? Why or why not?

**Ask 1:** 答えが「llama」である質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 2:** Arabic camel songs についての質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 3:** 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

**Sample Answer 1:** The camel is the ship of the desert.

**Sample Answer 2:** They can bite off limbs.

They can throw men down, and pound them with knees.

They can come in massive herds and destroy things.

Etc...

**Sample Answer 3:** I like camels because the humps are bumpy.

I do not like camels because they smell bad.

I like camels because I like my camel hair coat.

Etc...

**Sample Question 1:** Along with the alpaca, what is a cousin of the camel?

**Sample Question 2:** Do you like camel songs?

What do camel songs sound like?

Why do camels like songs?

Etc...

**Sample Question 3:** Why do they shoot camels from helicopters?

What does camel milk taste like?

How long has mankind lived with the camel?

Etc...