

CLOSE READING LESSON

FANTASTIC FACTS | Camels

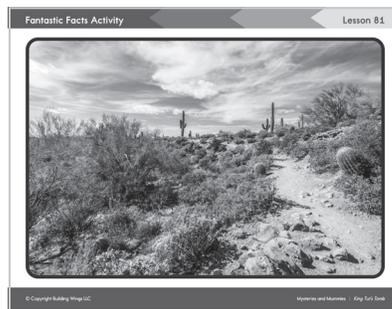
OBJECTIVE | Identify words in the text to answer a question about explicit information.

TEACHER PREPARATION

- Display or project the provided pictures.



Fantastic Facts Activity



ANCHOR

ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Display the winter scene.



Let's pretend you want to go outside for a walk. But, it is a cold and snowy day. Can you still go outside for a walk?

Pause for student responses.

Yes...you can still go outside for a walk. What will you need to be safe and warm?

Pause for student responses (e.g. warm clothes, mittens, a hat, a coat).

Yes...warm clothes / mittens / a hat / a coat will keep you warm?

Display the summer scene.



Now, let's pretend it's really hot outside. You want to go for a long walk. What will you need?

Pause for student responses (e.g. shorts, t-shirt, sunglasses, hat, sunscreen).



What if you get hungry or thirsty?

Pause for student responses (e.g. a water bottle, trail mix).

Yes...you can bring a water bottle / trail mix with you.

We are really lucky? We can wear different kinds of clothes in different kinds of weather. We can carry something to eat in case we get hungry. We can carry something to drink in case we get thirsty. People can change the things they wear and carry with them. This helps people live in hot or cold places.

PURPOSE STATEMENT



Animals can't change things like we can. They can't put on a coat when it is cold outside. They can't carry food or water with them wherever they go. But, an animal's body can help it to live in many places. Today, we are going to read some fantastic facts about camels. Let's read to find out why camels can live in the desert.

Pause for student responses and write them on the board. Encourage students to think about the questions they would ask from the Apply activity.

Hand out Close Reading Passages according to reading level.

Pass out **Fantastic Facts**.

FANTASTIC FACTS

APPLY

As a whole group, read the **Fantastic Facts** at the **Transitional Level 3-4** or **Conventional Level 5**. Have student volunteers read words or labels where possible. Support students in reading.

READ



We read some fantastic facts about camels. We learned that camels have traits that help them live in the desert. What was your favorite fact? Have you ever seen a camel in real life? Would you want to ride a camel? Take your fantastic facts home so you can talk about them with your family or friends!