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Key Details: Desert Camels

Read the article. Use key details to answer and explain your thinking.

Example: Main idea: Camels are built for the desert. Key detail: "A camel can go **many days without drinking water**."

A Read the Article

Built for the Desert

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1. Which detail BEST supports the idea that camels are built for the desert?

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- ◯ A camel's wide, padded feet help it walk on soft sand.
- ◯ Blowing sand is a problem in the desert.

B Explain with Details

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Answer: _____

3. Name TWO ways a camel's body keeps out blowing sand.

Answer: _____

★ Safari Challenge

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Answer: **The text says the hump really stores fat, not water.**

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Answer: **Two rows of long eyelashes protect its eyes, and it can close its nostrils.**

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Its body uses the fat stored in its hump for energy.

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