
Assignment: Information Report on Camels in Australia



Task

You are to research and write an **information report** about camels in Australia.

Your report must:

- Use **present tense** and **third person** (no “I” or “you”).
 - Be **factual** and include **technical vocabulary**.
 - Be **well-structured** with headings, subheadings, diagrams, and a fact box.
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Structure and Subheadings with Guiding Questions

Introduction

- What are camels?
- Why are camels an important animal to study in Australia?
- Why are they unique compared to other animals in Australia?

Image suggestion: A photo of a camel in the Australian desert.

1. History

- How did camels arrive in Australia?
- Who brought them and from where?
- What were camels used for in the 1800s and early 1900s?
- Why were they useful for explorers and settlers?
- What happened to camels when they were no longer needed for transport?

Image suggestion: Old drawing/photo of explorers with camels in the desert.

2. Camels in the Qur'an and Sunnah

- Where are camels mentioned in the Qur'an?
- What lessons does Allah tell us to reflect on when looking at camels?
- How did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ speak about camels?
- How were camels used in Islamic history?

Image suggestion: A decorative Qur'anic verse about camels (e.g., Surah Al-Ghashiyah 88:17 – “Do they not look at the camels, how they are created?”).

3. Types of Camels

- What type(s) of camels are in Australia?
- What are their physical features (size, humps, colour, strength)?
- How do these features help them survive in hot, dry places?
- How are camels different from other animals (e.g., horses, kangaroos) in Australia?

Diagram suggestion: A labelled diagram of a camel showing *hump, long eyelashes, thick lips, wide feet*.

4. Diet

- What do camels eat?
- What do camels drink?
- How long can camels survive without water?
- What special adaptations help camels live in deserts?
- Do camels harm plants when they eat?

Image suggestion: A camel eating dry shrubs or drinking at a waterhole.

5. Habitats

- Where do camels live in Australia today?
- What states or regions have the largest camel populations?
- What kind of environments do they survive in (deserts, bushland, outback)?
- How do they cope with extreme temperatures?
- Do camels travel in groups or alone?

Map suggestion: A map of Australia showing camel habitats (desert regions in NT, WA, SA, QLD).

6. Today

- How many camels live in Australia today?
- What are camels used for today (e.g., tourism, meat, milk, exports)?
- Do camels cause problems for farmers or the environment?
- How do governments and communities manage wild camel populations?

Image suggestion: A photo of tourists riding camels in Alice Springs.

Conclusion

- What makes camels an interesting and unique part of Australia's history?
- Are camels more helpful or harmful today?
- Why is it important to learn about camels in Australia?

Fact Box suggestion: *Did you know...*

- Camels can drink up to 200 litres of water in one day.
 - Australia has the largest wild camel population in the world.
 - A camel's hump stores fat, not water.
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Success Criteria

Your report will be assessed on how well you:

- ✓ Use the correct **information report structure** (introduction, subheadings, conclusion).
 - ✓ Write in **formal, factual language** (present tense, third person, technical words).
 - ✓ Answer the **guiding research questions** under each subheading.
 - ✓ Include **visual features** (photos, diagrams, maps, fact box).
 - ✓ Present information neatly, logically, and in paragraphs.
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 **Information Report Scaffold and Plan: Camels in Australia**

Title:

Camels in Australia

Introduction

 *Write 3–4 sentences introducing camels in Australia.*

- What are camels?
- Why are camels important or interesting in Australia?
- Why should we learn about them?

Sentence Starters:

- Camels are...
- In Australia, camels are...
- They are important because...



Image suggestion: Draw or paste a picture of a camel in the Australian desert.

1. Camels in the Qur'an and Sunnah

 **Answer the questions.**

- Where are camels mentioned in the Qur'an?
- What lessons does Allah tell us to reflect on when looking at camels?
- How did Prophet Muhammad ﷺ speak about camels?
- How were camels used in Islamic history?

Sentence Starters:

- In the Qur'an, camels are mentioned in...
- Allah tells us to reflect on camels because...
- The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said...
- Camels were important in Islamic history because...



Image suggestion: A decorative Qur'anic verse about camels (e.g., Surah Al-Ghashiyah 88:17 – “Do they not look at the camels, how they are created?”).

2. History

👉 *Answer the questions using full sentences.*

- How did camels arrive in Australia?
- Who brought them, and from where?
- Why were they useful in the 1800s and 1900s?
- What happened when they were no longer needed?

Sentence Starters:

- Camels first came to Australia in...
- They were brought from...
- Camels were used for...
- When cars and trains arrived...



Image suggestion: Old photo of explorers with camels.

3. Types of Camels

👉 *Answer the questions.*

- What types of camels are in Australia?
- What do they look like (size, humps, colour)?
- How do their features help them survive?

Sentence Starters:

- The type of camel in Australia is...
- Camels have...
- These features help them to...



Diagram task: Draw and label a camel with arrows to: **hump, eyelashes, lips, feet, coat.**

4. Diet

👉 *Answer the questions.*

- What do camels eat?
- What do they drink?
- How long can they survive without water?


Sentence Starters:

- Camels eat...
- They drink...
- Camels can survive without water for...



Image suggestion: Camel eating dry shrubs.

5. Habitats

 Answer the questions.

- Where do camels live in Australia today?
- What kind of environments do they live in?
- Do they live alone or in groups?

Sentence Starters:

- Camels in Australia live in...
- The environment is...
- Camels often...



Map task: Shade or label the areas of Australia where camels live (NT, WA, SA, QLD).

6. Today

👉 *Answer the questions.*

- What are camels used for today?
- Do they cause problems for people or the environment?
- How are wild camel numbers controlled?


Sentence Starters:

- Today, camels are used for...
- Sometimes camels cause problems because...
- Wild camels are managed by...



Image suggestion: Camels carrying tourists in Alice Springs.

Conclusion

 Write 2–3 sentences summarising your report.

- Why are camels an interesting part of Australia’s history?
- Are they more helpful or harmful today?

Sentence Starters:

- Camels are an important part of Australia because...
- Today, camels are mostly...
- Learning about camels helps us to...



Fact Box task: Add 3 fun facts about camels.

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 2. _____
 3. _____
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 **Checklist before handing in:**

- Title
 - Introduction
 - 5 Subheadings with full sentences
 - Conclusion
 - Diagram and map
 - Fact box with 3 fun facts
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