



## Burke and Wills

1. Imagine that you could send a letter back in time to Robert O'Hara Burke, before he left on the expedition. What would you tell him to do differently? Some ideas are in the yellow section.



Use Aboriginal guides

Listen to other expedition members

Travel light and fast

Follow the known route

Protect against scurvy

Don't split up the group

2. There were different reasons for Burke and Wills' expedition. Number them in the order that you think is most important.

- Search for an inland sea
- Search for new farm land
- Scientific discovery of plants and animals
- Map making
- Fame and glory

3. Explain your choice of number 1. Why do you think it is the most important?

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4. Burke and Wills were the first explorers to use camels in Australia. Why do you think they did that?

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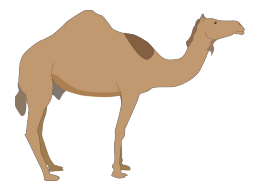
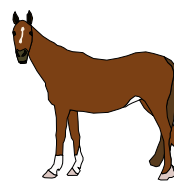
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**Fast Facts**

**Horses**

- Average speed 45km/h, slower on sand
- Needs a rest after about 8 hours
- Can carry up to 20% of weight
- Can live 3-6 days without water
- Temperatures over 25 degrees can lead to stress

**Camels**

- Average speed 20km/h, faster on sand
- Can travel for 18 hours without rest
- Can carry up to 40% of weight
- Can last two weeks without water
- Can handle temps of up to 50 degrees