



## Burke and Wills

1. Send a letter back in time to Robert O'Hara Burke, before he left Melbourne. What would you tell him to do differently? Knowing what you do about his personality, what kind of tone would you use to try to get him to listen to your advice?



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 choices for numbers 1 and 5. Why do you think they are most and least important?

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4. Why do you think John King is left out of common references to the expedition?

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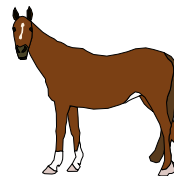


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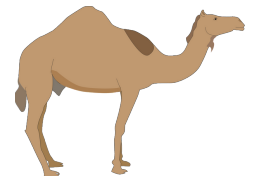
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5. Burke and Wills were the first explorers to use camels in Australia. Was that a good choice?



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

**Fast Facts**

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