

The illustration depicts a vast desert landscape under a bright sun. In the foreground, a camel is lying down, its body partially buried in the sand. Two turtles are perched on its humps, mistaking them for mountains. The background shows rolling sand dunes and a few sparse, scrubby trees. The overall style is a soft, painterly illustration with a warm color palette of browns, tans, and greens.

# The Walking Mountain

One day, a camel is buried by a sand storm until only his humps are visible. Two turtles climb on the humps, thinking they are mountains. But when the humps start walking, the turtles are surprised to discover what is underneath! After the camel is mistaken for a mountain several times, he wonders, what is a mountain anyway?



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