

The Mongolian Adventures Podcast  
Season 2 Episode 9: Camel Trek  
Lesson Plan: Symbiotic Relationships with the Earth

\*This lesson plan can include time for students to listen to the podcast in class or students can be asked to listen to the episode before class as homework. If students listen beforehand, more time can be given for class work.

Skills: Analysis of relationships, communication, reflection and research

Students will be able to:

- Reflect on how animals and nature are interconnected
- Communicate their ideas in a way that makes the most sense to them
- Share their ideas and explain why they think what they do

Lesson Format:

Timing :	Content:
5 minutes	Watch the <a href="#">short video about Mongolian camels</a>
15 minutes	Listen to Season 2 Episode 9: Minjin Goes on a Camel Trek
5 minutes	Introduction to activity: In Episode 9, Jack the camel shares with Minjin about how he as a camel is made just for his environment and how his poop helps the trees in the desert grow. This is an example of a symbiotic relationship- how the camels are connected to the trees and help each other. Ask the students to brainstorm some other examples of symbiotic relationships in nature- what other animals or plants work together to help them survive and grow?
15 minutes	Investigation time: Have each child (or in groups) select one symbiotic relationship to investigate. Have them think about how they help each other, what connections they have and how they need one another to continue to thrive. Create a visual representation of their relationship and how it helps each other and works. This could be a poster, a digital presentation or video, a song, or a comic book- whatever representation they think will help them demonstrate

	their understanding the best.
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Bonus Links + Extension Ideas:

More about Mongolian camels:

[Wild Camel Protection Foundation](#)

[Mongolian Camel Festival](#)

[Facts about Mongolian Camels](#)

Camel craft:

[Printable paper camel](#)

[Camel egg carton craft](#)

[Origami camel](#)