Paraphrase a Source

Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   Camels have funny-looking humps that hold fat for energy when food is hard to find.

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