

# The Oasis

Level 4

Oman brought the water flask up to his lips and took a sip, careful not to spill a drop. It didn't soothe his dry mouth. His body wanted more, but he had to be clever. He surveyed the horizon ahead of him. Nothing but sand.

He clipped the flask back on his belt and then used the sleeve of his torn shirt to wipe the sweat from his brow. *Not too much further to go*, he told himself. Despite his aching feet, he walked on. Oman wanted to hurry, but he forced himself to go slowly. He knew it would be deadly to push himself too much in this heat.

Oman knew the Koumia Oasis couldn't be too far now. He just hoped that he'd be able to make it before his supplies ran out. The temperature was starting to drop, and the shadows were getting longer and longer. Soon the sun would not be able to guide him, and he would have to use the stars.

By the time Oman stopped again for a rest, the sun had disappeared almost completely behind the horizon. As Oman was taking another sip from his flask. He noticed an eagle off in the distance. The sky was getting dark, but he managed to follow it with his eyes as it soared high above the sand dunes. That was when he saw it, the patch of green far of in the distance. Breathing a heavy sigh of relief, Oman fixed his eyes on the small island of greenery in the sea of sand and continued walking.



# Questions

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2. Where is Oman? How do you know?  
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3. Where is Oman walking to? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long do you think Oman has been walking? How do you know?  
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5. What time of day was it when he spotted the oasis? How do you know?  
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6. What was Oman using to guide him?  
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7. How do you think Oman felt when he spotted the oasis? Why?  
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8. Do you think Oman has experience travelling through the desert? Explain.  
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# Answers

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1. Where is Oman carrying his flask? He carried his flask on his belt.
2. Where is Oman? How do you know?  
Oman is in a desert. It is hot, the text says, 'nothing but sand', and there is an oasis.
3. Where is Oman walking to? Oman is walking to the Koumia oasis.
4. How long do you think Oman has been walking? How do you know?  
Oman has been walking a long time. His feet were aching, and he had taken supplies with him for the journey.
5. What time of day was it when he spotted the oasis? How do you know?  
It was late in the day because the sun was dropping below the horizon.
6. What was Oman using to guide him?  
Oman was using the sun to guide him.
7. How do you think Oman felt when he spotted the oasis? Why?  
Answers may vary. Oman felt relieved because he knew that he was going to make it before his supplies ran out.
8. Do you think Oman has experience travelling through the desert? Explain.  
Answers may vary. Yes, because he knew how to use the sun and stars to guide him. He also knew not to push himself too much in the heat. Oman also knew the oasis couldn't be too far off.

