


Could you . . .
drink 20 gallons of water
in under 15 minutes?

Some do!
Camels slurp up that
much and more before
reaching their limits.



Camels can drink up to 30 gallons (1 gallon is the size of a big jug of milk) of water in one sitting. This is because their blood cells are elastic and can change shape. In the desert where they live, water is often hard to find, so they need to “tank” up and drink when they find a good supply. Both one-humped (dromedary) and two-humped (Bactrian) camels are known for their ability to drink and store water.





Could you . . .
eat half your weight
in food a day and still
stay lean and trim?

Some do!
These hummingbirds flap and
fly from flower to flower. They
eat and eat and still stay slim.



Every day, hummingbirds eat (or drink) half of their body weight. That would be like a 40-pound kid eating 20 servings of spaghetti in one day! Hummingbirds burn from 6,600 to 12,000 calories (a calorie is a unit of energy needed by your body) per day. In comparison, kids might burn 1,000 to 3,000 calories per day depending on how active they are. Hummingbirds enjoy flitting from flower to flower to find and drink tasty nectar.