

Day 2

Yesterday, the three wise men planned out the route they were going to take to get to Bethlehem. However, the eagle-eyed among you might have noticed that there was a stopping point at the beginning of the route that they never actually made it to. Here's why...

Choose the most appropriate word.

The magi 1 **were / where** very wise, as well as being wonderful pet owners. They loved Kevin, Gary and Wayne the camels, but they had forgotten that, while camels are 2 **great / grate** at travelling long distances across 3 **deserts / desserts**, they are not famed for 4 **there / their / they're** obedience or diplomacy.

Kevin and Gary were essentially lazy. Given the option, they would have preferred to spend as much of each day as possible being completely 5 **stationary / stationery**. They had cast their eyes over the map, and noticed that the 6 **route / root** would be rather more direct if they 7 **mist / missed** out that particular stop. Despite this, they loved the three wise men, and would have gone 8 **where / wear** they were told to, albeit in a slightly grumpy fashion.

Wayne, however, particularly wanted to avoid that stop, as his ex-girlfriend Sharon the camel lived there. He was determined not to 9 **sea / see** Sharon the camel, and so simply refused 10 **two / to / too** move.

The three wise men tried all sorts of ways to get Wayne the camel walking. Balthazar tried 11 **complementing / complimenting** him, saying he was the best camel any of the wise men had ever met, and they simply couldn't manage the journey without him. Melchior tried to bribe him, saying he would be fed 12 **suites / sweets** every few miles. Caspar, who liked to think of himself as the wisest 13 **of / off** all the wise men, sat down on the sand in front of Wayne the camel, and explained that the journey they were about to embark on, and the items they had to acquire on the 14 **weigh / way**, were of great theological and doctrinal import. When 15 **nun / none** of these methods worked, the wise men tried wheedling, begging, cajoling and talking-rather-sterly, but ultimately Wayne 16 **one / won** the argument by staying still and occasionally spitting.

"Fine", sighed Balthazar, "we'll head straight for Yemen instead". (Why Yemen? Because according to Wikipedia, that is where myrrh comes from). "But you'll have to carry all the shopping, Wayne!".

And so, at last, they set off on their 17 **course / coarse** towards Bethlehem.

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Answers- 1 were 2 great 3 deserts 4 their 5 stationary 6 route 7 missed 8 where 9 see 10 to 11 complimenting 12 sweets 13 of 14 way 15 none 16 won 17 course