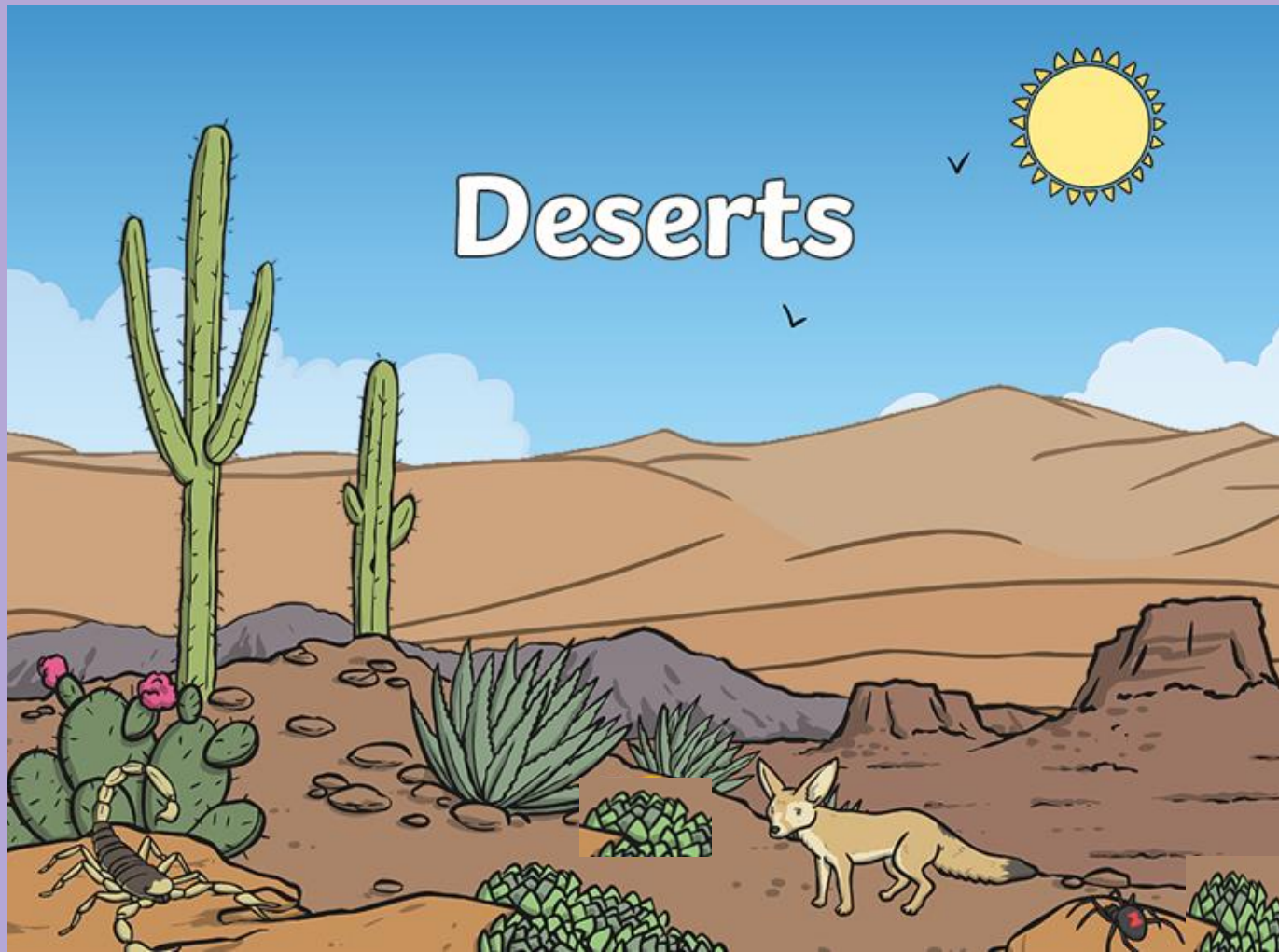




Deserts



What are Deserts?

Deserts are very dry places. It hardly ever rains in a desert!

They are hot in the day but cold at night.

Do you think any animals live in the desert?



Click the link to watch the video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaZKEc59g1w>

Desert Animals

Deserts are hot and dry but many animals do live there!



camel



tarantula



scorpion



iguana



What do animals eat and drink? Where do they shelter?

Desert Animals

All living things need to eat, drink and have shelter.



Camels can drink only once a week in summer and be fine!



Tarantulas live underground in burrows and come out at night to find food.



Scorpions burrow into the sand when it is really hot. They get water from eating their prey.

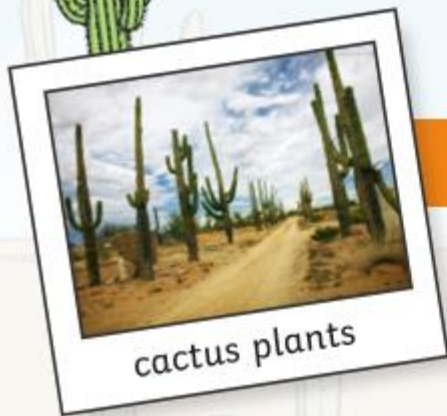


Iguanas, like all reptiles, are cold-blooded. They need the hot sun to keep warm.



Desert Plants

Desert plants do not need much water.



They have thick leaves or spiky spines.

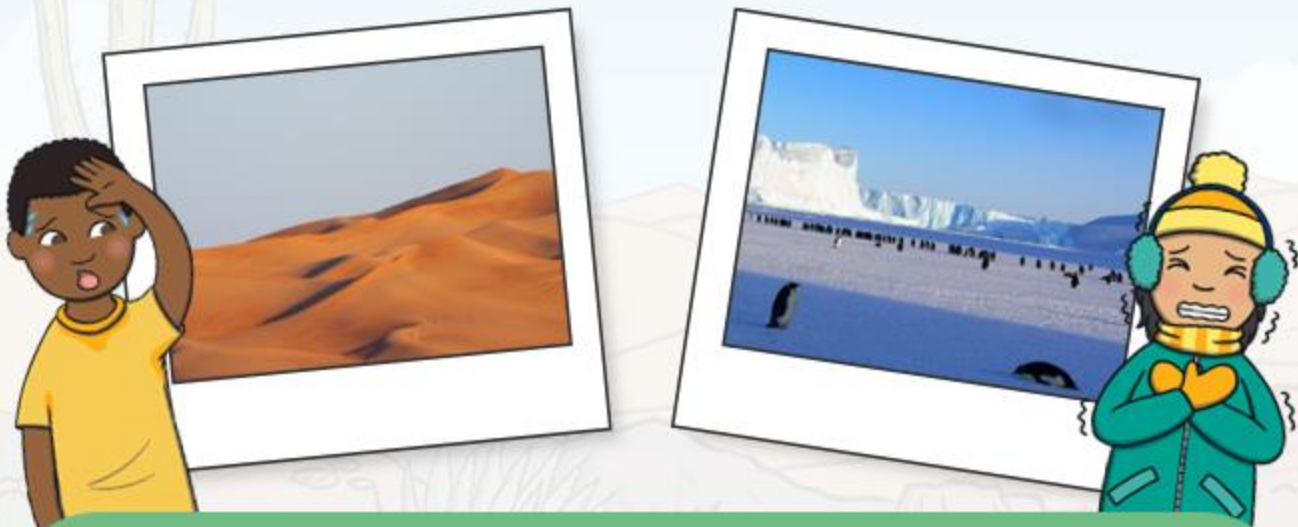


They have long roots to find water.



Hot and Cold Deserts

Deserts are very dry places. Some deserts are hot but some are very cold!
The Antarctic and the Arctic are two cold deserts!



Did You Know...?

The hottest desert in the world is the Sahara Desert in Africa.

Different Desert Animal Habitats



Hot desert habitat

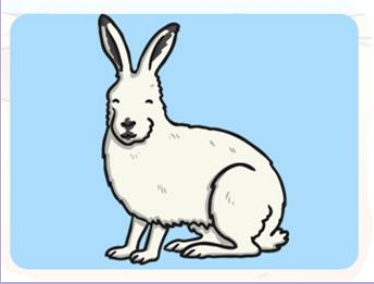
As well as hot deserts, there are also cold desert habitats. Just like hot deserts, hardly any rain falls.

Different animals live in these different habitats. They all have to be specially adapted (something special about them) to survive.

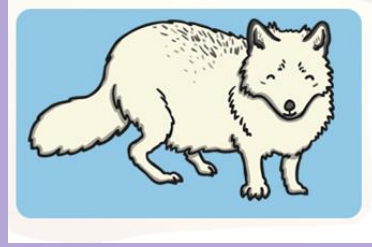


Cold desert habitat

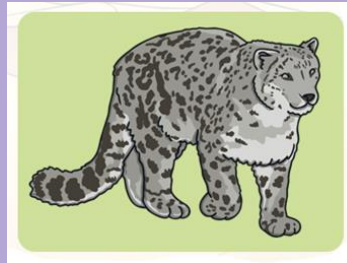
Cold Desert Animals



Arctic Hares live in the snows of the North Pole. They have thick white fur to keep warm.

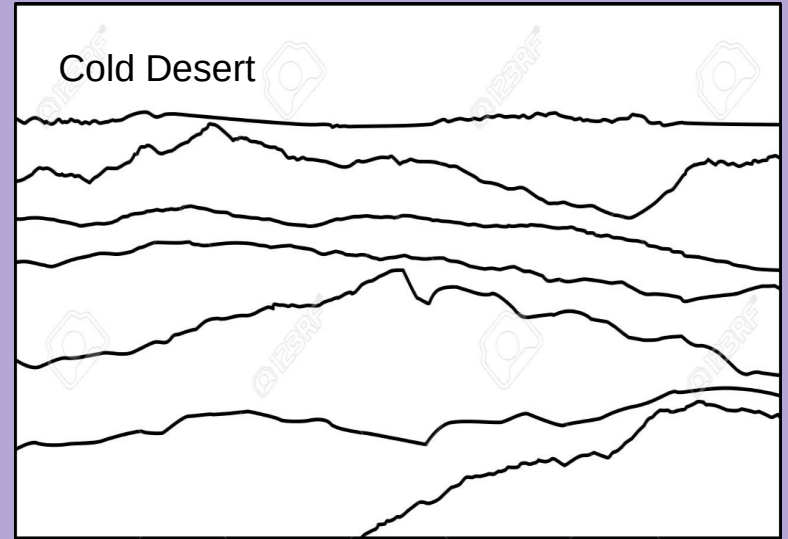
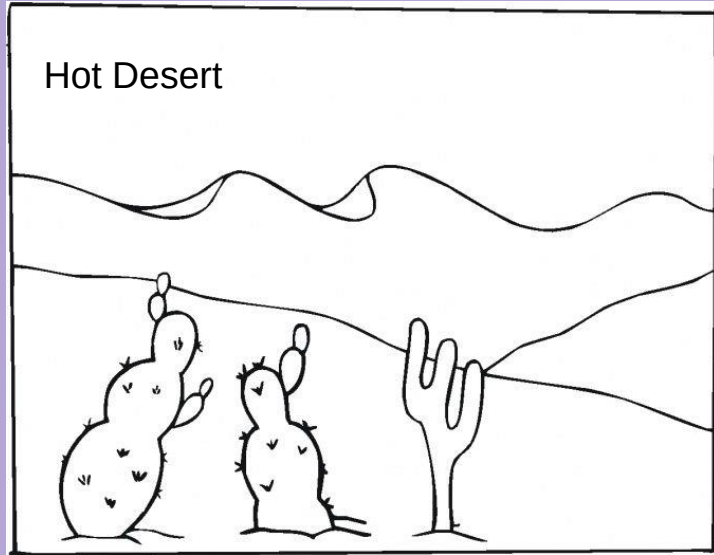


Arctic Foxes burrow under the snow to keep warm. They are omnivores and eat mice, birds and fruit.



Snow Leopards live in the mountains of Asia. They have strong legs to jump from rock to rock.

Activity 1 Here are two habitats. One is a hot desert, the other is a cold desert. Choose one to copy. Then you need to draw the correct animals in your habitat. Use the slides you have just read to add one fact for each animal



Activity 2 Click on the link below.

1. Watch the video
2. Do the activity
3. Do the quiz

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/zsqnfg18>

What is a desert habitat?

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Activity 3

Create an animal suitable for the desert habitat. Label and explain why it is suitable.



Activity 4

Watch the videos of other habitats and draw your favourite one. Don't forget to include some of the animals you might find there. [Click here to follow the link.](#)



Explore **woodland habitats** with this clip.



Urban habitats can be found in many cities and towns, let's discover more by watching this clip.



Lots of different plants and animals live in an **ocean habitat**, let's find out more by watching this clip.



Watch this clip to learn about **coastal habitats**.



Pond habitats are home to different species, find out more with this clip.



Can things live in the desert?