



DESCRIBING HABITATS – UNIT: THE NATURAL WORLD

7TH GRADE

PRE-READING: Vocabulary and tips for reading.

1. Look at the words in the glossary. Did you know them? Find them and underline them in the text.

Mira las palabras en el glosario. ¿Las conocías? Encuéntralas y subráyalas en el texto.

Glossary:

Driest: los más secos

Little: poco/a

Grow: crecer

Bushes: arbustos

Survive: sobrevivir

Store: almacenar

Stay alive: mantenerse con vida

Comfortable: cómodo

2. Scan the text and write down all the cognates you can find (words that are similar to their equivalent in Spanish). How many could you find?

Échale un vistazo al texto y anota en un círculo todos los cognados que puedas encontrar (palabras que sean similares a sus equivalentes en Español).

Example: *Deserts* → desiertos

READING: Read the text and do the activities below.

DESERTS



Deserts are the driest places on Earth—they get very little rain a year. Sometimes it doesn't rain on a desert for many years. They can be covered in sand, stones, or rocks. In general, they are extremely hot in the day, but they can get cold at night.

There are deserts in Australia, Asia, Africa, and North and South America, like the Atacama Desert in the North of Chile.

If you think nothing can live in a desert, you are wrong! It's difficult for trees to grow, but many deserts have lots of plants and animals that have adapted to live with little water. Small plants and bushes can grow in the desert. Desert plants have to survive with no rain for many years. They store water inside them to stay alive. Many desert animals are nocturnal. It's colder and more comfortable for animals at night. Camels, scorpions, lizards, and many different insects live in deserts.



AFTER READING:

3. Read and complete the sentences using words from the text.

Lee y complete las oraciones usando palabras del texto.

- a) D_____ are the driest places on Earth.
- b) In general, they are extremely h_____ in the day, but they can get c_____ at night.
- c) It's d_____ for trees to grow, but many deserts have lots of plants and animals that have a _____ to live with little water.
- d) Many desert animals are n_____ because it's colder and more comfortable at night.
- e) Camels, scorpions, lizards, and many different i _____ live in deserts.

4. Read the text again and answer the questions using phrases from the text.

Lee el texto otra vez y responde las preguntas usando frases del texto.

- a) What are 4 characteristics of a desert? _____

- b) Where are there deserts? _____

- c) What do plants do to survive in the desert? _____
- d) What are some animals that live in the desert? _____

