



Listen and read this text about life in the desert

Life in the Desert

What is a desert?

There are different kinds of deserts. There are hot deserts and there are cold deserts. The Sahara Desert is the biggest hot desert in the world. The Gobi Desert is always very cold. Some deserts are sandy. Some deserts are rocky. Other deserts have mountains. Antarctica is the coldest place in the world, but it is a desert and it is covered in snow and ice.

What is the weather like in the desert?

A desert is a very dry place. It has very little rain. It snows in Antarctica, but it does not often rain. In hot deserts, it is very hot during the day and very cold at night. When it rains, it rains suddenly. But there is very little water in the desert. Sometimes you can find water in rocks underground. These places are called oases.

It can be very windy in the desert, too. There can be sandstorms or snowstorms. In sandy deserts, the wind blows the sand and makes big shapes like mountains. These shapes are called sand dunes.



What plants and animals live in hot deserts?

Plants and animals need water to survive. The desert is very dry but amazingly, there are many plants in the desert. There are also many animals, insects and birds. How do they survive?

Some plants, like cacti, keep rain water in their leaves for a long time. Other plants have long roots. The roots take water from deep under the ground.

Some animals in the desert never drink. They get water from seeds and plants. Many animals are nocturnal. This means they sleep during the hot day and come out at night. Some animals live underground for most of the time because it is colder.

People often travel in the desert on camels. These animals can drink a lot of water very quickly and then they do not need to drink for a very long time. They are perfect in the desert!

Read and say True or False

1. It is always hot in the desert.
2. It never rains in the desert.
3. Some animals don't need water.
4. Snowstorms make the mountains called dunes.
5. Many animals come out during the night because of the lower temperature.

Look for ONE word in the text which means... (Busco UNA palabra en el texto que signifique...)

- a) full of rocks:
- b) a strong wind carrying clouds of sand with it:
- c) a mountain of sand formed by the wind:
- d) being active at night: