



Part 1:

PLAY

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snowstorm

②



blow

③



survive

④



sand dune

⑤



sandstorm

⑥



Nocturnal

⑦



Cactus/cacti

⑧



Antarctica

⑨



Oases/ oasis

⑩



roots

⑪



plant

⑫



seed

⑬



camel

⑭



insects



Play

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 then 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!

Part 1:

1. What is a storm with strong winds and lots of sand?



a) sandstorm



b) snowstorm

2. What is a plant that grows in the desert and stores water?



a) insects



b) cactus/cacti

3. What is a place with water in the desert?



a) oasis/oases



b) snowstorm

4. What helps plants take in water from the ground?



a) insects



b) roots

5. What do you call an animal that is active at night?



a) insects



b) nocturnal

7. Which animal can live long without water?



c) camel



b) nocturnal

8. What is a very cold continent covered in ice?



a) plant



b) Antarctica

9. What is a hill of sand made by the wind?



a) plant



b) sand dune

10. What does it mean to 'survive'?

a) plant

b) insects

c) snowstorm

d) to stay alive in a difficult situation.

6. What can grow into a new plant?



a) Seed



b) camel

Part 2: Write Sentences. Use each word to write your own sentence.

a) blow:

b) survive:

c) sand dune:

d) sandstorm:

e) nocturnal:

f) Antarctica:

g) roots:

h) plant:

Part 3 – Match the Words with Their Definitions

Match the words (1–14) with the correct definitions (A–N).

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| 1. snowstorm | a) A weather event with strong winds and heavy snow. |
| 2. blow | b) To move air by breathing out or when the wind pushes something. |
| 3. survive | c) To stay alive in a difficult situation. |
| 4. sand dune | d) A hill made of sand formed by the wind. |
| 5. sandstorm | e) A storm with strong winds that carry sand through the air. |
| 6. nocturnal | f) Active at night and sleeping during the day. |
| 7. Cactus | g) A plant that grows in the desert and stores water. |
| 8. Antarctica | h) The coldest continent on Earth, covered in ice. |
| 9. oasis | i) A place in the desert with water and plants. |
| 10. roots | j) The part of a plant that grows underground and takes in water. |
| 11. plant | k) A living thing that grows in soil and needs sun and water. |
| 12. seed | l) The small part of a plant that can grow into a new plant. |
| 13. camel | m) A desert animal that stores fat in its hump and can live without water for days. |
| 14. insects | n) Small animals with six legs, like ants or ladybugs. |



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Paragraph A:

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1. What is the biggest hot desert in the world?

- a. Gobi Desert
- b. Sahara Desert
- c. Antarctic Desert
- d. Rocky Desert

5. Name two types of deserts.

2. What kind of desert is Antarctica?

- a. Hot
- b. Cold
- c. Sandy
- d. Rocky

3. What is the Gobi Desert like?

- a. Hot
- b. Cold
- c. Rainy
- d. Dry

4. What covers Antarctica?

- a. Sand
- b. Ice and snow
- c. Grass
- d. Trees

6. What makes Antarctica special as a desert?

Paragraph B:

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3. What happens when it rains in the desert?

- a. It rains for a long time
- b. It rains suddenly
- c. It never rains
- d. It floods

1. What is the weather like in a desert?

- a. Very dry
- b. Very rainy
- c. Very windy
- d. Very cloudy

2. What is an oasis?

- a. A place with snow
- b. A place with water
- c. A place with sand
- d. A cold desert

4. What happens in hot deserts at night?

- a. It is hot b. It is cold c. It snows d. It rains

5. Why are deserts very dry?

6. What is special about an oasis?

PARAGRAPH C:

What is the weather like in the desert?

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.

1. What kind of storms can happen in deserts?

- a. b. Rainstorms
b. Thunderstorms
c. Snowstorms only
d. Sandstorms

2. What can happen in cold deserts?

- a. Snowstorms
b. Rainstorms
c. Dust storms
d. None

3. What do we call big shapes made by the wind in sandy deserts?

- a. Mountains
b. Rocks
c. Oasis
d. Sand dunes

4. What moves the sand in sandy deserts?

- a. Water
b. Wind
c. Animals
d. People

5. What is a sand dune?

6. How are sand dunes made?

PARAGRAPH D:



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Part 2:

1. What do plants and animals need to survive?

- a. Food
- b. Rain
- c. Wind
- d. Water

2. What do cacti store in their leaves?

- a. Food
- b. Water
- c. Air
- d. Seeds

5. How do plants survive in the desert?

3. Where do some plants get water from?

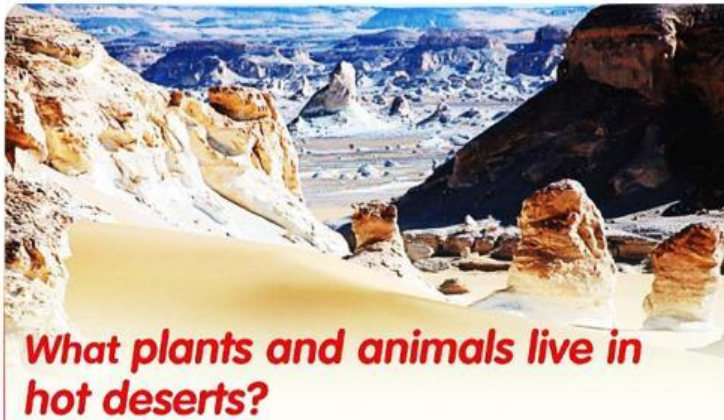
- a. The air
- b. The ground
- c. The rain
- d. The snow

4. What kinds of animals live in the desert?

- a. Bears
- b. Fish and frogs
- c. Penguins
- d. Birds and insects

6. What is special about cactus plants?

PARAGRAPH E:



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1. What does 'NOCTURNAL' mean?

- a. Active during the day
- b. Living underground
- c. Sleeping all day
- d. Active at night

2. Where do some animals live to stay cool?

- a. In trees
- b. Underground
- c. On rocks
- d. In water

3. What animal helps people travel in the desert?

- a. Horse
- b. Camel
- c. Dog
- d. Elephant

4. How do camels survive without drinking for a long time?

- a. They drink a lot quickly
- b. They eat ice
- c. They sleep all day
- d. They live in water

5. What animals are nocturnal?

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6. How do camels live in the desert?

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3 Read again and write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

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| 1 It is always hot in the desert. _____ | 2 It never rains in the desert. _____ |
| 3 Animals and plants live in the desert. _____ | 4 Some animals don't need water. _____ |

4 Ask and answer.

- 1 Have you ever been to a desert? What was it like?
- 2 Would you like to go on a trip to the desert? Why?