

Deserts

Use the words below to complete the passage about deserts.

water	eating	nocturnal	people	burrow	transpiration
bodies	cold	active	rainfall	leaves	day

Deserts are extremely dry regions. They have very little _____; usually less than 25cm a year.

Many deserts are made up of sand and rock. Although deserts are very harsh environments, they are home

to a number of plants, animals and _____. Deserts are very hot during the

_____ but often very _____ at night.

Due to a lack of rainfall, most desert animals get their _____ from their food. Other animals,

like camels, store fat in their _____. This provides them with energy during periods they cannot

find food.

Some desert animals are _____. This means that they are _____ during the

night when temperatures are much cooler. These animals escape the high day time temperatures by sleeping

in a spot of shade or in a _____. This prevents animals losing as much water as they would if

they were active during the heat of the day.

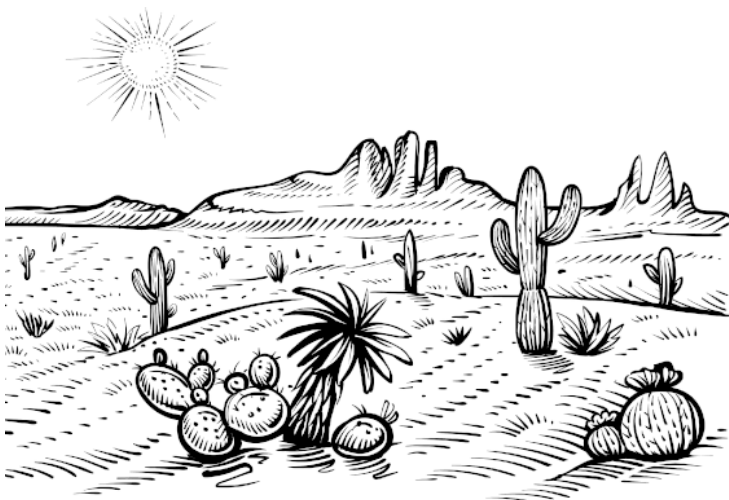
Several desert plants store water in their _____, stems and roots. Other plants have very long

roots which allows them to access water from underground. Desert plants generally have very few or no

leaves. This reduces water loss through _____. This is a process whereby water is carried out

through leaves and into the atmosphere. Many desert plants have prickly spines to prevent hungry and

thirsty animals _____ them!



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W	Q	O	A	P	Q	U	Z	Y	Z
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desert cactus camels hot
 windy sand animals dry
 cold scorpion



Deserts Answers

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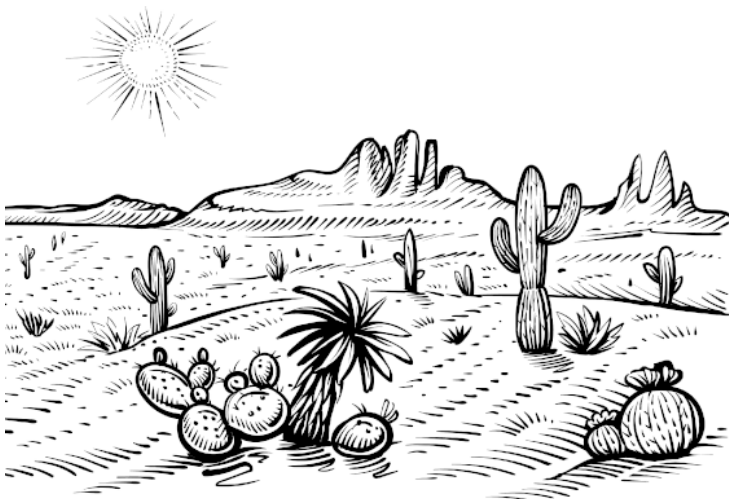
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Some desert animals are **nocturnal**. This means that they are **active** during the night when temperatures are much cooler. These animals escape the high day time temperatures by sleeping in a spot of shade or in a **burrow**. This prevents animals losing as much water as they would if they were active during the heat of the day.

Several desert plants store water in their **leaves**, stems and roots. Other plants have very long roots which allows them to access water from underground. Desert plants generally have very few or no leaves. This reduces water loss through **transpiration**. This is a process whereby water is carried out through leaves and into the atmosphere. Many desert plants have prickly spines to prevent hungry and thirsty animals **eating** them!



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cold		scorpion							