

Year 6 Autumn 1

Sahara - Hot and Cold Desert

What are the features of a desert biome?

Curriculum links

English: Holes by Louis Sachar,
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Key Questions:

1. What is a biome?
2. What are the climate features of a desert biome?
3. What are the landscape features of a desert biome?
4. How do living things adapt to survive in the desert?
5. How does human activity impact the desert?
6. Should the Sahara Desert be developed?

Key Geographic Skills:

- Identify the position and significance of Equator, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn
- Understand the key aspects of biomes
- Describe land use

Desert Landscape



Erg



Reg



Hamada



Sahara Desert



Desert Vegetation



Acacia Tree



Euphorbia succulent

Desert Wildlife



Fennec Fox



Horned Viper



Monitor Lizard



Dromedary Camel

Key Vocabulary

adaption, arid, biome, climate, desert, desertification, erg, evolve, equator, hamada, irrigation, oasis, reg, sand dune, vegetation, weather

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Vocabulary	Definition
Adaptation	A change that helps a plant or animal survive in its environment.
arid	Very dry and hot, with little or no rain.
biome	A large area of the world with the same kind of weather, plants, and animals.
climate	The usual weather in a place over a long time.
desertification	When land slowly turns into desert, often because of too little rain or too much farming.
erg	A large area in the desert that is covered with sand dunes.
hamada	A dry, rocky desert with hardly any sand.
oasis	A green area in a desert where there is water.
reg	A flat, hard area in the desert covered with stones or gravel.
sand dune	A hill made of sand that is shaped by the wind.
vegetation	All the plants in a certain place.
weather	What the sky and air are like each day - like sunny, rainy, windy, or snowy.