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Desert Challenge

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The Desert is one of the [1]_____ biomes. The word desert means [2]_____. The desert gets a minimal amount of [3]_____ which is why it's one of the driest [4]_____. There are both [5]_____ and [6]_____ deserts. Survival in the desert is difficult due to the extreme [7]_____ and the dryness. One fifth of the [8]_____ is a Desert biome.

Deserts are found along coastlines and also within continents. Hot deserts are found in [9]_____ America, [10]_____ America, North Africa, Central Australia and Cold deserts are found in the Antarctic, Greenland and Central Asia.

Deserts get less than 25 cm or 10 in of rain per year.

[11]_____ rates are faster than rainfall rates which keeps the desert very dry. In some deserts, rain doesn't fall for years. Cold deserts although still dry, get more [12]_____ (which is in the form of snow or

fog) than the hot deserts. In hot deserts, daytime temperatures can be over 38°C and 100° F in the daytime and below -4°C and 25° F in the evening. Temperatures in cold deserts are usually between 0°C and 4°C or 32°F and 39° F.

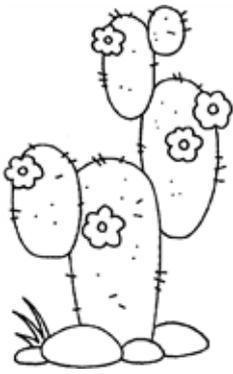
In the hot deserts, the seasons are warm throughout the year and very hot in the [13]_____. In the cold deserts there are long cold winters and short warmer summers. The cold deserts are cold most of the time.

Desert animals tend to get their water from [14]_____. They have a thick outer coats, they tend to have larger ears and they will [15]_____ through the day. Many desert animal have adapted to this harsh environment by being [16]_____. Examples of animals in the desert are rattlesnakes, jack rabbits, lizards, and kit foxes. There are also reptiles, scorpions and grasshoppers.

The soil is [17]_____ and rocky. Plants typically have few [18]_____ and thick roots to help them retain [19]_____ in the dry climate. The dessert has cacti, smaller bushes and grasses .

rain	temperatures	north	burrow
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earth	summer	south	food
hot	driest	rainfall	abandoned
evaporation	coarse	nocturnal	leaves
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