



# DESERTS



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## INTRODUCTION

1. This is a definition of biomes. Read it and fill the gaps with the following words:

A biome is a complex of ..... characterized by a distinctive type of ..... and maintained under the ..... conditions of a ..... , for example a .....

**MISSING WORDS:** desert – communities - vegetation – region - climatic

**2. A desert is a biome. Scientists differ about the number of biomes on the planet, but in general they agree on 5 or 6 major biomes. Can you give more examples of biomes?**

- .....desert.....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

3. Now relate each biome with different climatic conditions.

BIOME	TEMPERATURE	RAINFALL	other

4. For each biome give an example of some animals and plants that you think live there.

BIOME	ANIMAL	PLANT

5. THINK & DEDUCE!



Why can each animal live in each of the biomes? What conditions make it possible for them to live there instead of somewhere else?



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We often think of deserts as.. well, as a desert place. But in fact, this difficult biome has an incredibly rich biodiversity of fauna and flora. Come in to discover it!



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**2. Read about Deserts Ecosystems and answer the next questions:**

**1.-What are deserts? (Click on Ecosystems if you want to know the meaning)**

**2.-What is an ecosystem?**

**3.-How much rain do they get a year?**

**4.-Describe the two kinds of deserts**

**5.-What temperatures can they reach?**

**6.-What kind of temperature do cold deserts have?**

**7.-What sort of desert is The Sonoran Desert?**

**8.-Where is it located?**

**3.Read about plants.**

**9.-What kinds of plants are there in The Arizona upland?**

**4.Read about animals: ( click on the blue words to see a picture of each animal)**

**10.-Who lives in the Sonoran Desert?**

**11.-How many seasons are there in this region?**

**12.-How much rain is there during the rainy season?**

**5. Continue reading about The Sonoran Desert and write down four or five things you think are the most interesting.**



**IN GROUPS, CHOOSE A DESERT AND PREPARE A POSTER OR POWER POINT PRESENTATION. INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- LOCATION (where the desert is)**
- FEATURES (characteristics)**
- FAUNA (animals that live in that desert)**
- FLORA (plants, flowers and trees of that desert)**

**PREPARE AND DELIVER AN ORAL PRESENTATION FOR YOUR CLASSMATES**

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**CONCLUSION : Send the power point presentation as an email attachment to your teacher.**



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**Listen to your classmates do the presentation of a desert and fill in the listening sheet:**

1.Group members:.....

Desert: .....

2 animals: .....

2 plants: .....

2 features: .....

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Desert: .....

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