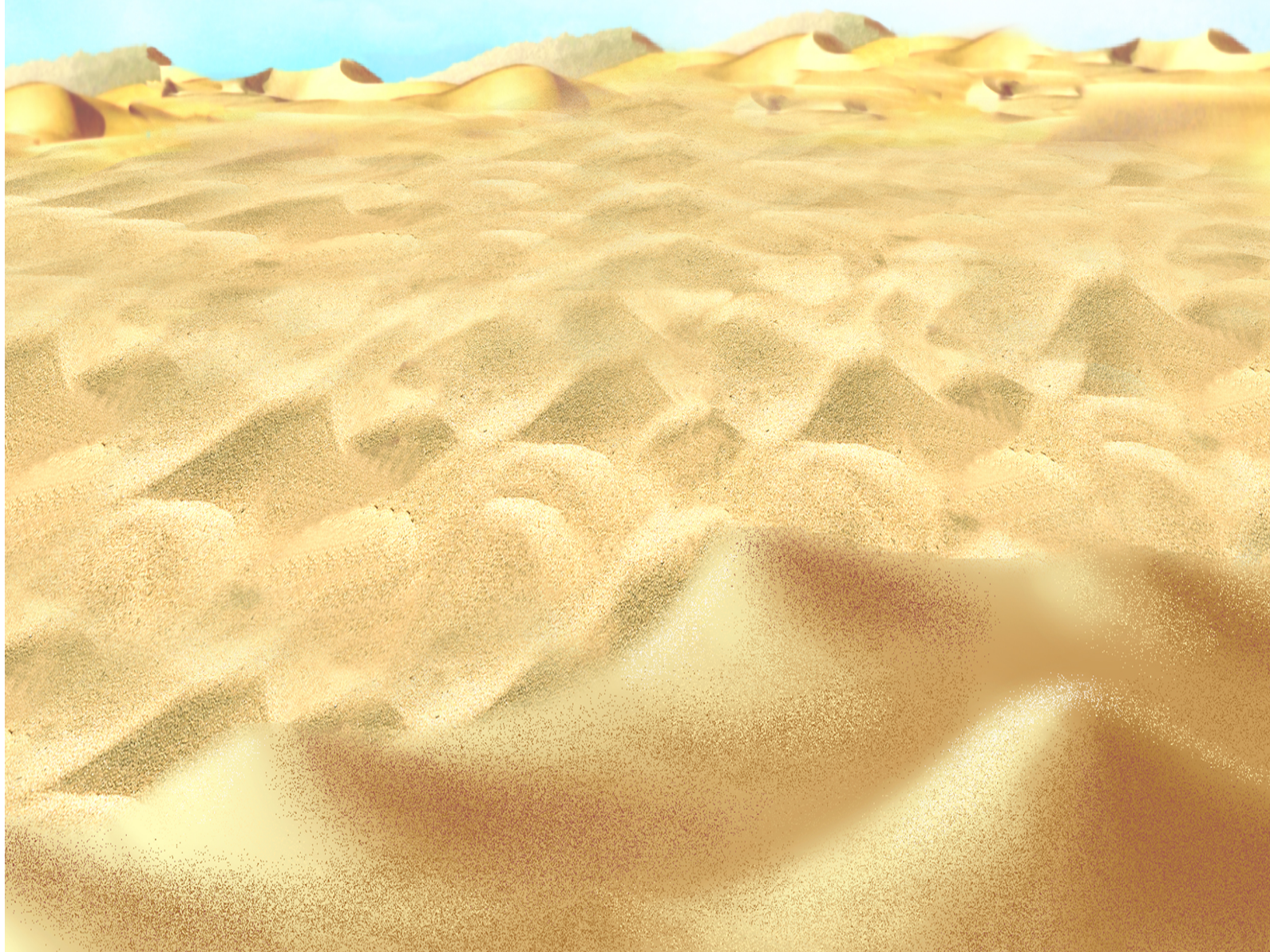


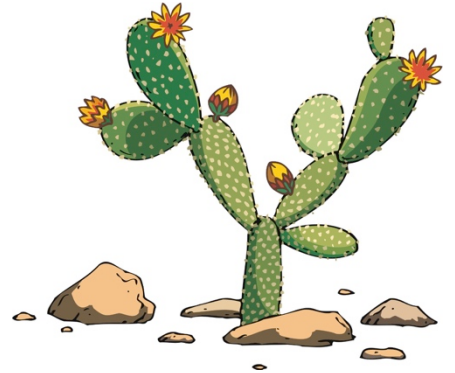
The Desert Biome

Name _____



Life in the Desert

- 1) Deserts are areas that are very _____ and receive very little _____.
- 2) Deserts receive less than _____ inches of rain a _____.
- 3) _____ of the Earth's surface is covered with deserts. _____% are deserts covered in _____.
- 4) Every continent has a desert, except _____.
- 5) Temperatures in the Antarctica Desert can reach _____.
- 6) _____: also called dust storms. Periods of blowing sand and dust that can be very dangerous.
- 7) Deserts are divided into four categories: _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- 8) Soil of hot and dry deserts is very _____.
- 9) During the day, it is very _____. At night, it is very _____.
- 10) Cold region deserts are found in the _____ and _____.



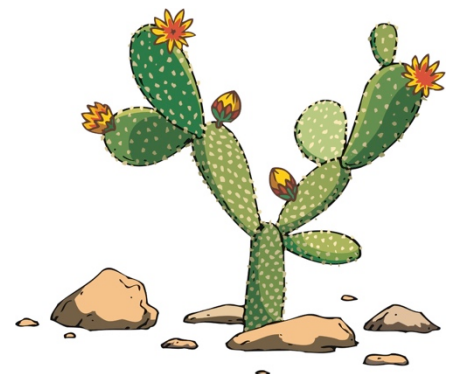
Who Lives in the Desert?

- 1) Many desert animals are _____.
- 2) Many animals have _____ to the desert.
- 3) Animals can store _____ in their bodies. They can also keep _____ in one place.
- 4) _____ take spines from cacti to create _____.
- 5) Tunnels or _____ can protect animals from predators and high _____.
- 6) Cacti store water in their _____.
- 7) Animals that can be found in the desert include: _____, _____, _____, and _____.
- 8) Plants that can be found in the desert include: _____, _____, _____, and desert _____.



Life in the Desert

- 1) Deserts are areas that are very **dry** and receive very little **rainfall**.
- 2) Deserts receive less than **16** inches of rain a **year**.
- 3) **1/3** of the Earth's surface is covered with deserts. **20%** are deserts covered in **sand**.
- 4) Every continent has a desert, except **Europe**.
- 5) Temperatures in the Antarctica Desert can reach **-115°F**.
- 6) **Sandstorms**: also called dust storms. Periods of blowing sand and dust that can be very dangerous.
- 7) Deserts are divided into four categories: **hot and dry**, **semiarid**, **coastal**, and **cold**.
- 8) Soil of hot and dry deserts is very **coarse**.
- 9) During the day, it is very **hot**. At night, it is very **cold**.
- 10) Cold region deserts are found in the **North** and **South Poles**.



Who Lives in the Desert?

- 1) Many desert animals are **nocturnal**.
- 2) Many animals have **adapted** to the desert.
- 3) Animals can store **water** in their bodies. They can also keep **fat** in one place.
- 4) **Desert mice** take spines from cacti to create **nests**.
- 5) Tunnels or **burrows** can protect animals from predators and high **temperatures**.
- 6) Cacti store water in their **stem**.
- 7) Animals that can be found in the desert include: **camels, roadrunners, scorpions, gophers, and jackals**.
- 8) Plants that can be found in the desert include: **cacti, ocotillo, Joshua Trees, and desert grass**.



Ten Largest Deserts in the World

Antarctica
South Pole
5,500,000 Square Miles



Arctic
North Pole
5,400,000 Square Miles



Sahara Desert
North Africa
3,500,000 Square Miles



Arabian Desert
Eastern Egypt
900,000 Square Miles



Gobi Desert
Northwest/ Northern China
500,000 Square Miles



Kalahari Desert
Southern Africa
360,000 Square Miles



Great Victorian Desert
Australia
220,000 Square Miles



Patagonian Desert
Argentina
200,000 Square Miles



Syrian Desert
Syria/ Arabian Peninsula
200,000 Square Miles



Great Basin
United States of America
190,000 Square Miles

