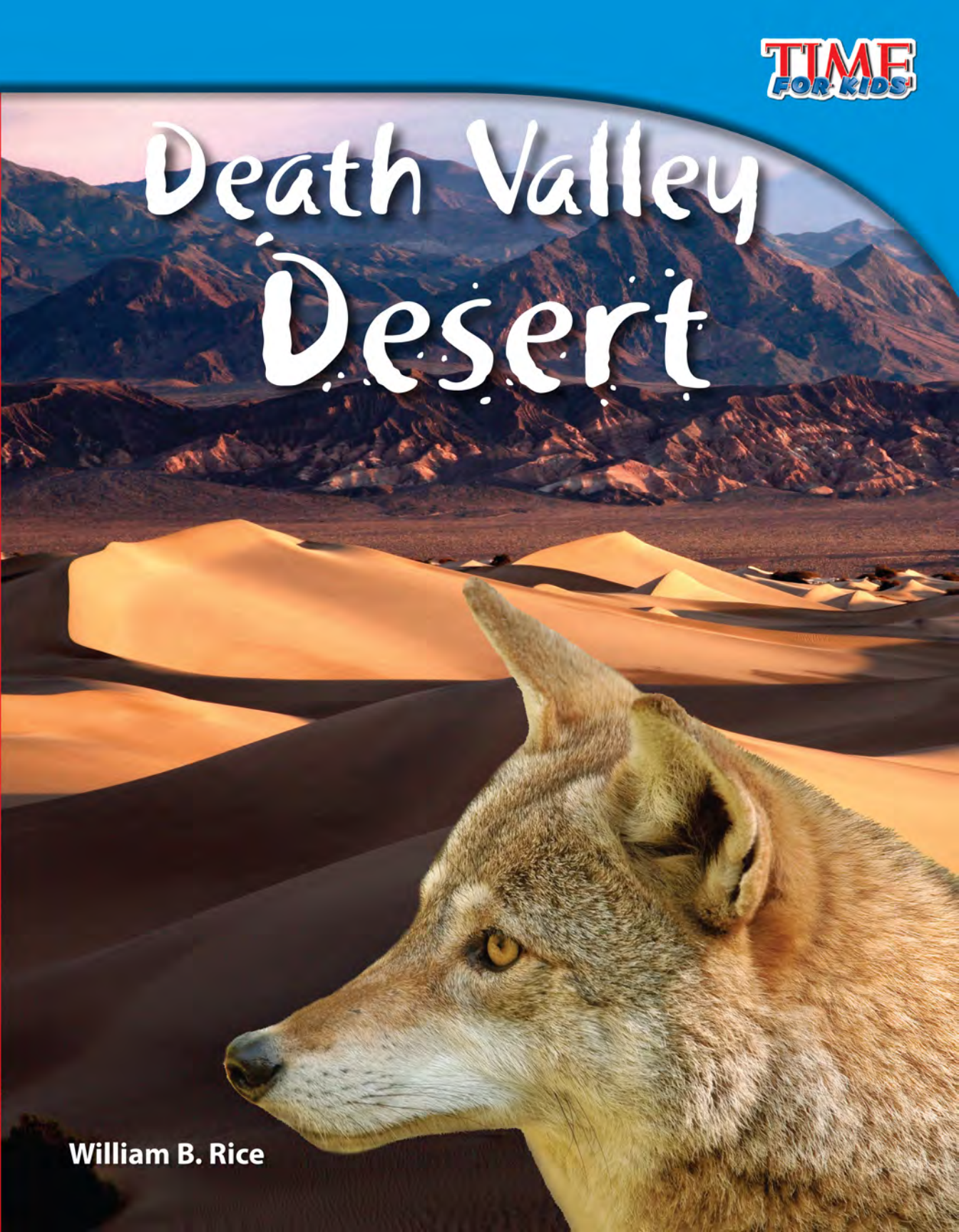
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Got Water?

There is a **desert** in California called Death Valley. There you will find places called Badwater Basin, Coffin Canyon, Deadman Pass, Funeral Mountains, and Starvation Canyon.

Does this sound like a good place to visit?





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Actually, Death Valley is a beautiful place to visit. It is full of life and interesting landscapes. It is especially famous for the wildflowers that bloom there in the springtime.

But how in the world did the places in Death Valley get their names? Death Valley has **conditions** that make it difficult to live there. It is extremely hot and dry. If you ever visit there, be sure to bring plenty of water!

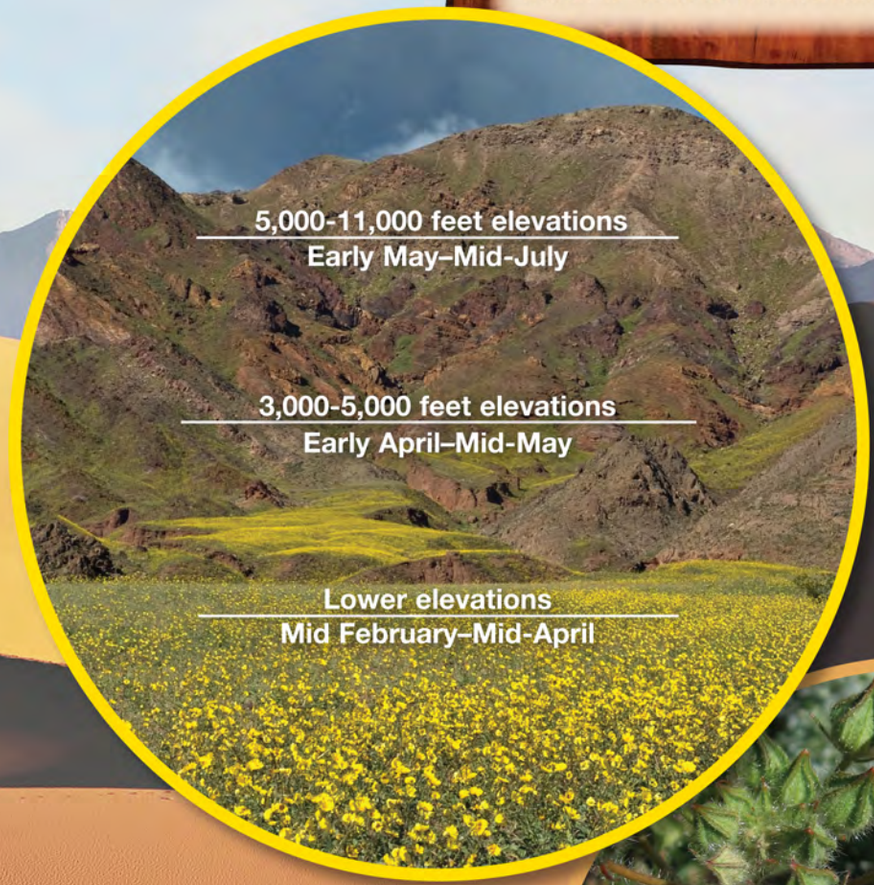


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Death Valley Blooms

Wildflowers in Death Valley are a beautiful sight—if you know when to find them. The chart below shows the best times to look for wildflowers.





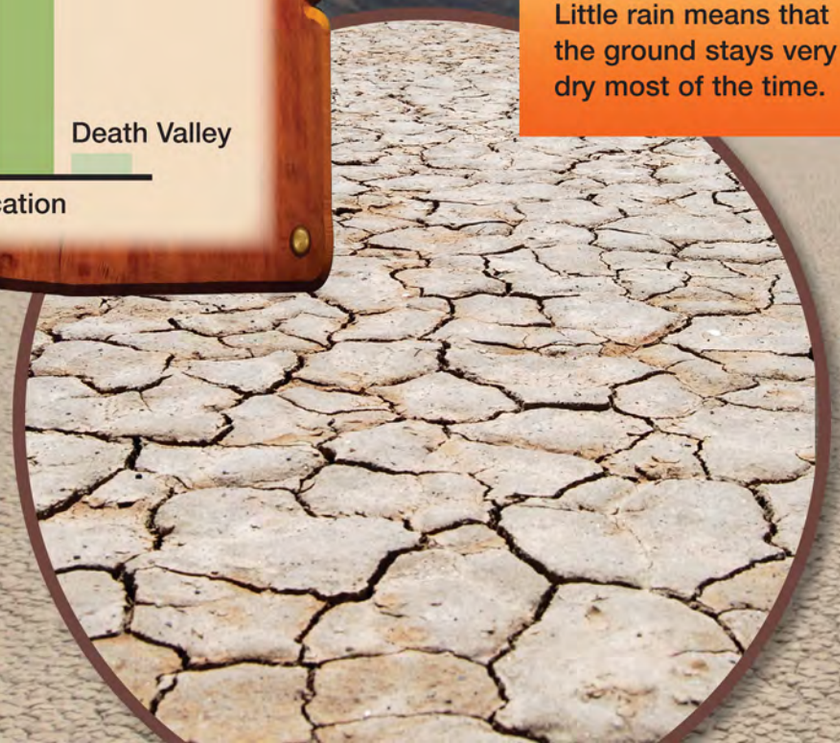
wildflowers

Geography and Climate

Death Valley is in eastern California. It is a very deep valley surrounded by tall mountains. It is the lowest place in the United States. In fact, it is lower than **sea level**—about 282 feet lower!

Death Valley is part of the southwestern desert area of the United States. Deserts do not get much rain. Death Valley gets less than two inches of rain each year. That's not much.





Little rain means that the ground stays very dry most of the time.



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