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Desert Animals

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The Desert

The desert is a hot and dry place.

It gets very little water. Few plants can grow there.

But many animals call the desert their home.

Do you know any desert animals?

The desert has few plants and little water.





Did You Know?

The Sahara Desert is the largest desert in the world. It is about the size of the United States.



How do desert animals make it through the hot, dry days? They have special ways. They act or look in ways that help them **survive** the desert **climate**.

One Hump or Two?

The most well-known desert animal is the camel. Camels drink large amounts of water every day. Then they can go a long time without water!





 Did You Know?

Camels with one hump live in Africa and the Middle East. Camels with two humps live in Asia.

Camels can also live a long time without eating.
The **humps** on their backs hold food.

Keeping Cool

Most **mammals** have fur. It is hard to keep cool in the desert with a coat on all the time! How do mammals do it?

The fennec fox is a desert fox. It is the smallest of all foxes.





Fennec foxes keep cool by eating at night. In the hot daytime, they stay in holes that they make. Their holes are cool during the daytime.