

LIFE IN A Desert

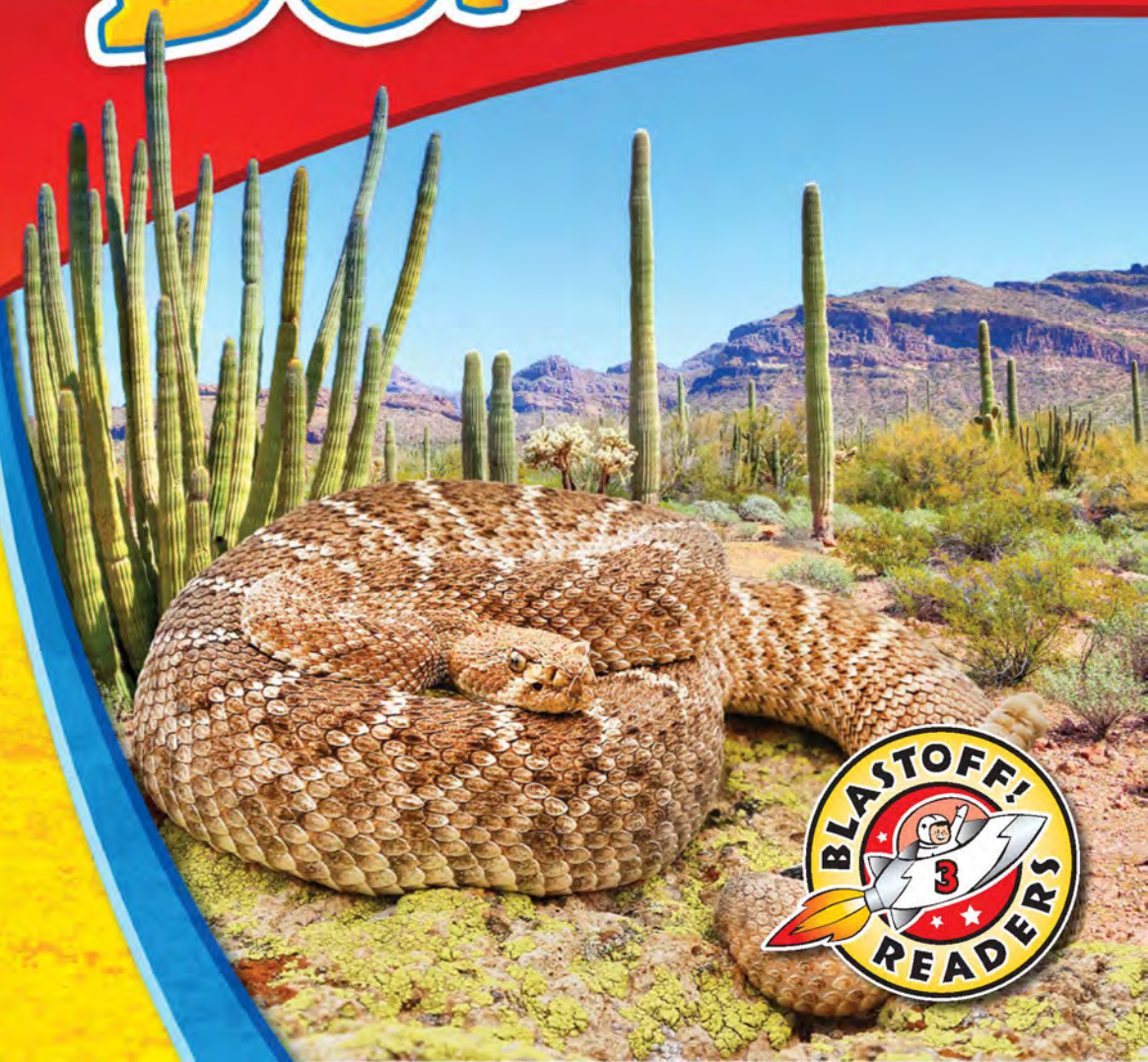




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The Desert Biome

Sonoran Desert



Earth's driest **biome** is the desert. Less than 10 inches (25 centimeters) of **precipitation** falls in a desert per year.

This biome looks empty. Sand or ice and snow can cover the rocky ground.

Gobi Desert



polar deserts = 

cold deserts = 

hot deserts = 



Deserts often lie close to the **tropics**. Their location near the **equator** makes most hot.



Cooler deserts usually lie farther north and south. The largest and coldest one is at the **South Pole**!

The Climate

Arizona Strip
desert



All deserts have a dry **climate**. Any precipitation usually comes in a short burst.

Strong winds hit often. They can change the look of the land. Winds blow sand or snow into **dunes**.



dune