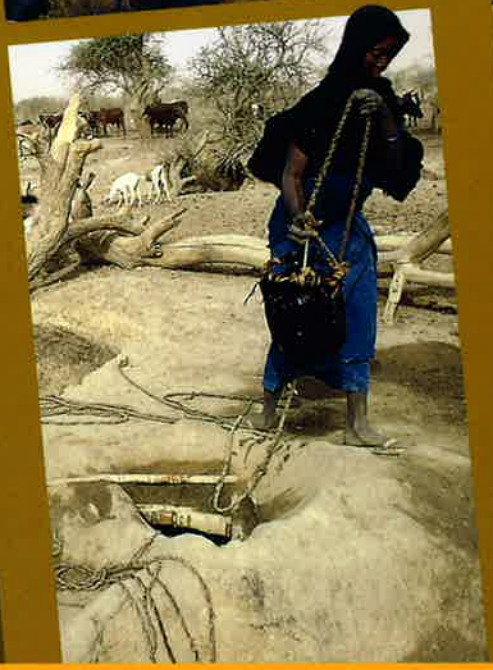








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Deserts

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Introduction

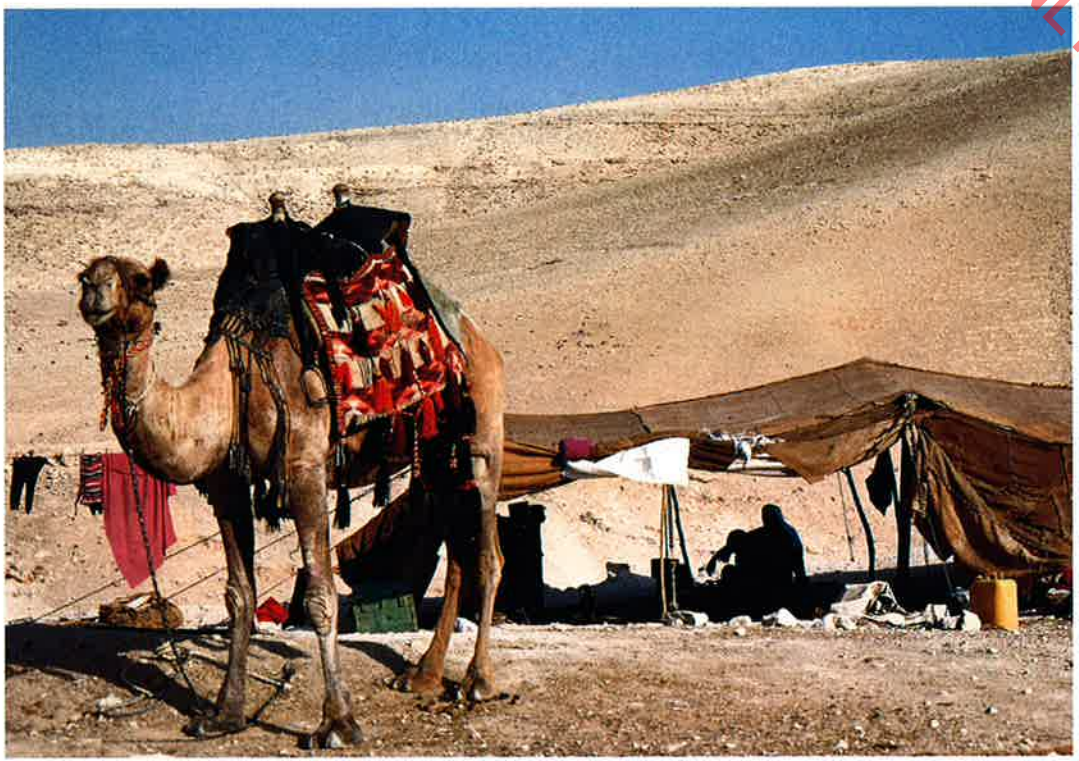
There are deserts in many parts of the world.
Deserts are very dry places because there is so little rain.

Most deserts have very hot weather during the day.
At night, they can be freezing cold.



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Many deserts are almost bare because there is not enough rain for plants to grow.



It is hard for people and animals to live in deserts.
People have different kinds of homes to keep out the heat.
Some animals live under the ground during the day, to stay cool.

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How deserts form

A desert is a place with very little water and only a few plants.
If there is no rain, or too much wind, a desert starts to form.



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Sometimes, people turn land into deserts when they cut down too many trees. There are no plants left to keep the soil together.

Wind storms blow away the soil and the land becomes bare.



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Types of desert

Most deserts are rocky.

Some deserts are made up of very big rocks.
Other deserts are filled with lots of little stones.

