

Class -5

Social Studies

L-4. HOT DESERT

Answer these questions:-

Q1. What is desert?

Ans:- A desert is a large dry, sandy area in which very few plants grow.



Desert

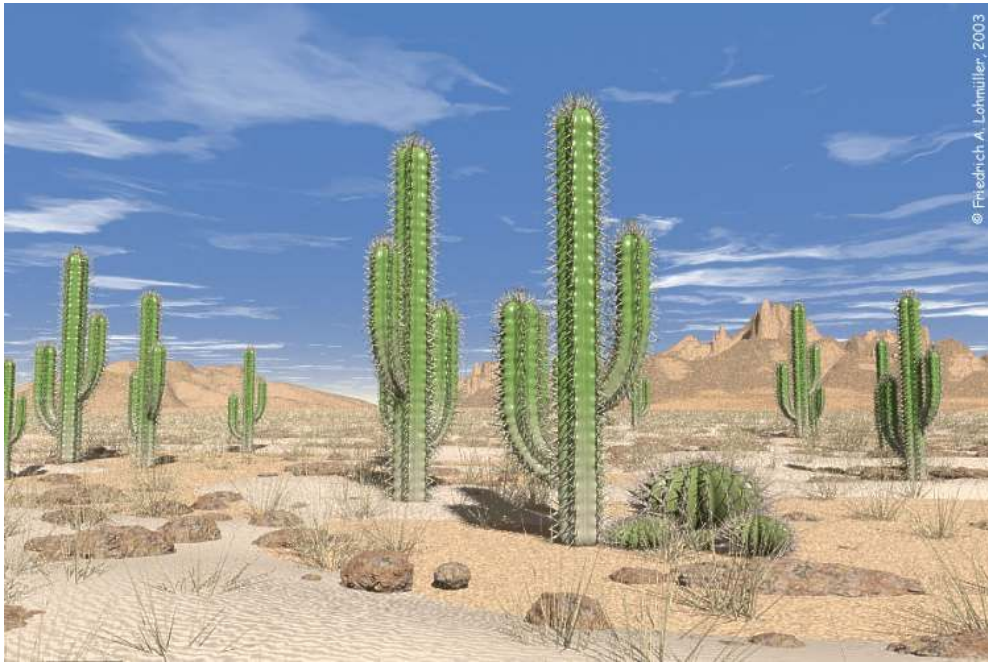
Q2. What kind of a daily weather does a hot desert have?

Ans:- A hot desert has very high temperature during the day but nights are quite cold , sometimes freezing cold. There is very little or no rainfall.

Q3. Write two ways in which desert plants deal with water shortage.

Ans. Desert plants deal with water shortage as:

- i). They have very long and deep roots to get water from under the ground.
- ii). They have thick leaves to store water and prevent loss of water through transpiration.



Desert Plant: Cactus

Q4. Who are the Bedouins? Write about their traditional way of life.

Ans. Bedouins are the people of the hot desert of northern Africa and western Asia.

Their traditional way of life is :

- i). They are herders and traders.
- ii). They keep camel, goat and sheep.

iii).They are nomads and keep moving from place to place.

iv).They live in tents and wear loose clothes.

v).They consume milk and meat of animals & their skin for clothes & tent.



Bedouins and their tent

Q5. How are man made canals changing the lives of desert people?

Ans. Man made canals are providing water in the desert.This helps people to grow crops.Availability of water is making their life easier.

Eg.The Indira Gandhi canal in Thar desert.



A desert canal

Q6. An oasis is a very important place in a desert why?

Ans. Oasis is a natural source of water in a desert. So people like to settle and farm near the oasis.

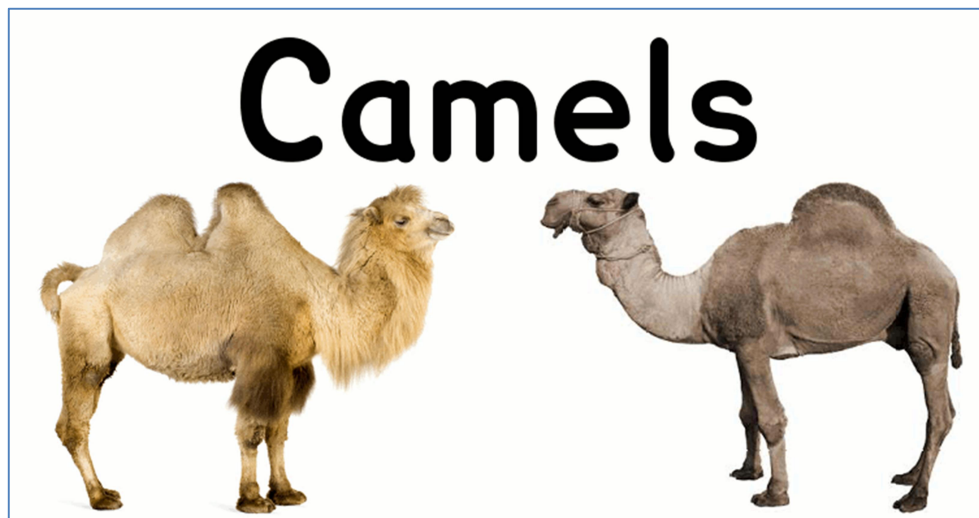


An oasis

Q7. Why is the camel called the ship of the desert?

A7. The Camel is called the ship of the desert because:

- * It has padded feet with the help of which it can walk on sand.
- * It has thick eye lashes which prevent the sand from getting into the eyes.
- * It has a hump in which it stores food and water
- * It has a thick lining in its mouth and can eat thorny bushes.
- * It can live without water for many days.



Q8. Write the two name of each - hot & cold desert.

Ans. Hot desert -

a). Sahara desert of Africa.

b) Thar desert of India.

Cold desert-

- a). Gobi desert of central Asia.
- b). Atacama desert of South America.

Do yourself:-

Q1. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?

Q2. Name four animals found in desert.

Q3. What are sand dunes?

Q4. Who are Bushmen? where do they live?

Q5. On a world political map locate these-

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| a) Sahara desert | c) Gobi desert |
| b) Australian desert | d) Atacama desert. |

