

Deserts



Many people think deserts are hot places. Deserts can also be cold.

The Sahara in Africa is a hot desert. The temperature there gets up to 122 degrees Fahrenheit!

The Gobi desert in Asia is a cold desert. So is Antarctica. The temperature in Antarctica has fallen as low as -129 degrees Fahrenheit.

All deserts have one thing in common. They are very dry places. Deserts get less than 10 inches of rain each year. Some deserts are so dry that the plants there go without fresh water for years.

Directions: Circle the correct answer.

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B. sunshine

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B. Africa

4. Is Antarctica a desert?

A. yes

B. no

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Teacher Guide & Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 570

Featured Text Structure: Descriptive – the writer explains, defines, or illustrates a concept or topic

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