

Desert Fun Facts



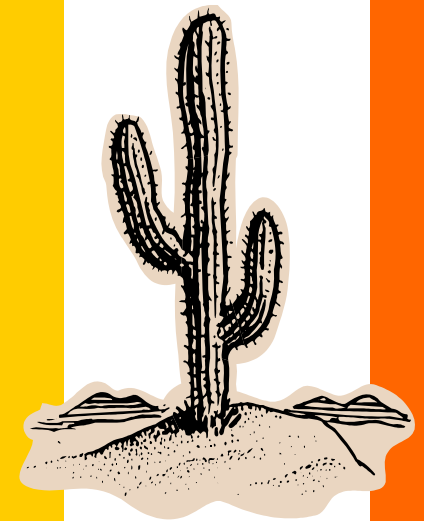
-Average rainfall per year is 10 inches or less.

-Deserts are often said to have a *moisture deficit*. That means more water evaporates than is replenished by the atmosphere.

-*Succulents* are plants that conserve water in the desert by storing it in the roots, leaves and stem.



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DESERT



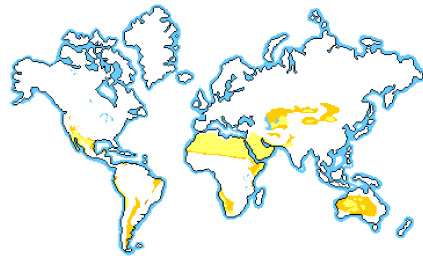
We have animals
that could kill you!

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The Facts:

Distribution: Deserts cover about 20% of the earth's surface and occur around 30 degrees north and south of the equator .



Temperature varies greatly throughout the day in a desert. During sunlight hours, temperatures can exceed 113 degrees (F), and at night drop to 32 degrees (F).



Common Desert Plants



Soaptree Yucca
found in North American deserts



Barrel Cactus
found in North American deserts



Prickly Pear Cactus
found in the Sonoran and the Mojave Deserts



Saguaro Cactus
found in North American deserts



Joshua Tree
found only in the Mojave Desert

Common Desert Animals



HUMAN IMPACT

Humans have managed to survive in deserts due to the ability to transport water long distances and create deep groundwater wells. Urbanization has reduced the number of natural species