

QUICK COMPS - DESERTS



Deserts are found on all seven continents, but what is a desert? A desert is a region that receives less than 25 cm of rain per year. They can be 'hot and dry', 'semi-arid', 'cold' or 'coastal' and make up one third of our planet's land area. Deserts are also called 'arid areas' which comes from the Latin word 'aridus' meaning dry. Approximately one billion people live in the desert regions on Earth. Only 20% of the world's deserts are made up of sand; most deserts are icy or made up of rocks and gravel. The largest hot desert in the world is the Sahara in North Africa which is almost as large as Europe. The Sahara desert is also the hottest desert in the world. The driest desert in the world is the Atacama Desert in South America where no rain fell for 401 years, between 1570 and 1971!



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Five W's - Write the correct answer in the box. Matching - Draw lines to join the information.				
What fraction of the Earth's land area is desert?		Driest desert		made up of sand
What does 'aridus' mean?		Sahara Desert		as large as
How many main types of desert are there?				Europe
Where is the largest hot desert?		20% of deserts		Atacama
True or False - Write T (T	rue) or F (False).	Fill in the Gap	- Write the missing v	word from the text.
The Sahara desert is a co	The Sahara desert is a cold desert. Deserts are also called 'arid areas' which comes from the word 'aridus' meaning dry.			
The Atacama desert once had no rain for 1570 years.		one billion people live in the desert regions on Earth.		
20% of the world's deserts are icy and rocky.		Only 20% of the world's deserts are made up of sand; most deserts are or made up of rocks and gravel.		
Deserts have less than 25 cm year.	The desert is also the hottest desert in the world.			
Multiple Choice - App	proximately how many people	live in desert regions of	on Earth? (Circle the	correct answer)
20 million	I billion	401 million		1971
Sequence in Order	- In what order do these appe	ear in the text? (Write	1, 2, 3 and 4 in the si	maller boxes)
gravel	continents	semi-arid	Nort	th Africa
Circle the Word - Circ	le the word that means to get	or be given something	•	
A desert is a region that receives less than 25 cm of rain per year.				
Find and Copy - Write the word that suggests that it may be surprising that only 20% of deserts are sandy.				

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QUICK COMPREHENSION - ANSWERS



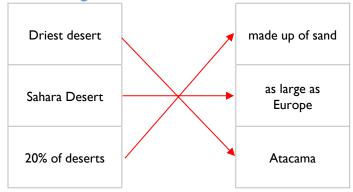
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What fraction of the Earth's land area is desert?	One third (1/3)
What does 'aridus' mean?	dry
How many main types of desert are there?	4
Where is the largest hot desert?	Sahara

Matching - Draw lines to join the information.



True or False - Write T (True) or F (False).

The Sahara desert is a cold desert.	F
The Atacama desert once had no rain for 1570 years.	F
20% of the world's deserts are icy and rocky.	F
Deserts have less than 25 cm of rainfall per year.	Т

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