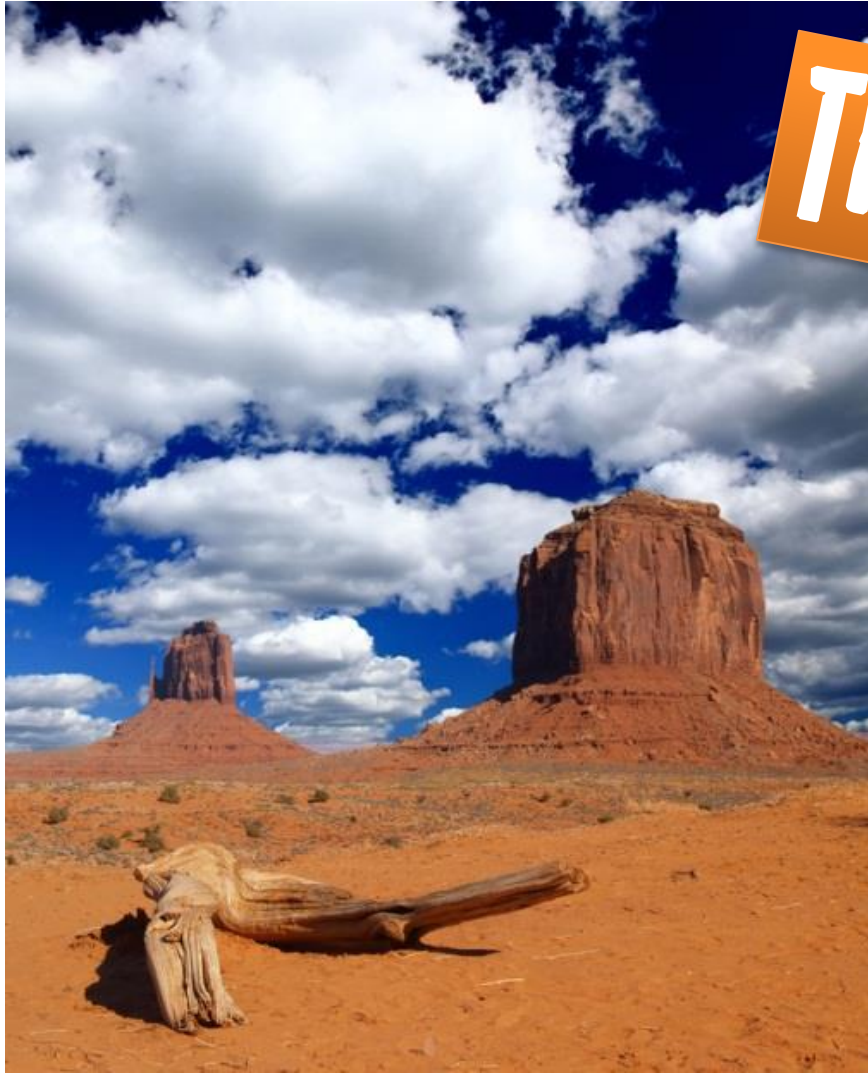


The Desert



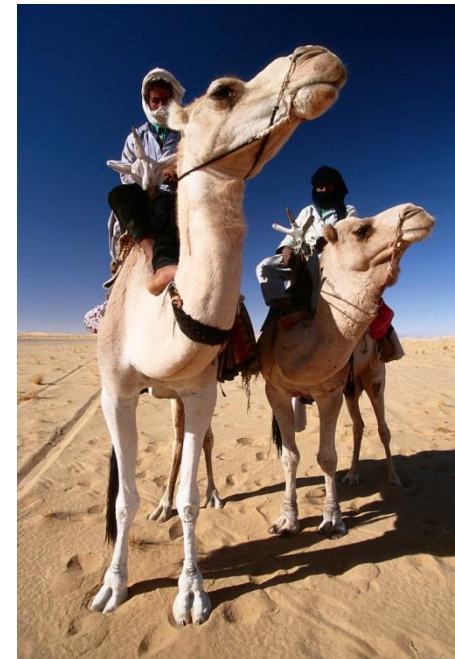
The Desert

- The desert is a habitat that has a dry climate.
- Deserts are areas of sand and rock that are found on all continents.
- Deserts have very little rainfall.
- During the day deserts get very hot. At night the temperature drops quickly and gets much cooler.



Animals

- Many animals that live in the desert are *nocturnal* due to the heat.
- Many animals have *adaptations* to help them stay cool during the heat.
Example: big ears, thin bodies
- Desert animals use *camouflage* to help them stay safe.



Plants

- Very few plants grow in the desert.
- Plants that live in the desert have special adaptations to help them get water.
 - thorns for protection
 - shallow roots
 - small leaves
 - waxy skin



VOCABULARY

- Habitat-the home of a living thing
- Camouflage- an adaptation that allows an organism to blend into its surroundings
- Adaptations-a feature or behavior that helps a living thing survive in its environment
- Nocturnal-an adaptation in which an animal is active during the night and sleeps during the day

