

How can humans survive in hot deserts?

What is a desert?

A desert is an area of land which receives **less than 25cm** of rain a year.

There are different types of deserts.



hot deserts



semi-arid deserts



cold deserts

Where are the hot deserts?



Deserts have an **extreme** climate. Hot deserts reach temperatures of **50°C** in the daytime but fall to **0°C** once the sun sets.



People build tents from goat hair to give them shade and shelter.



People look for plants, flies and mosquitoes to help them to find water.



People keep animals like goats, sheep and cows to give them meat and milk.



People move to find better land for their animals. Camels carry their belongings.

Key Vocabulary

desert

an area that receives less than 25cm of rainfall per year.

climate

the weather conditions in an area over a long period.

equator



an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth.

tropics

areas of the Earth's surface that are closest to the equator.

adapt

becoming better suited to an environment.

extreme

very large in amount or going beyond a normal limit.

survive

to stay alive even in harsh or dangerous conditions.

nomads

a group of people that move from one place to another rather than living in one place.