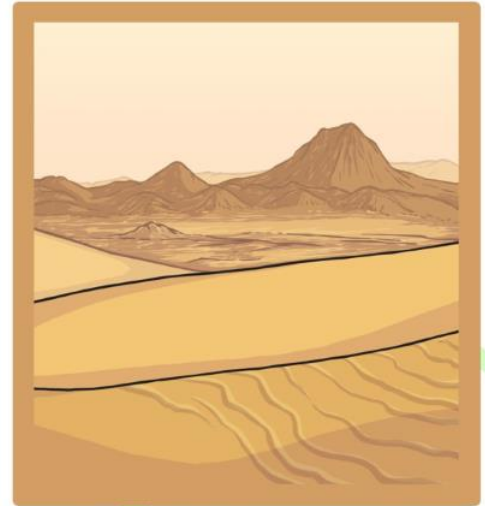


# Desert Habitats Fact Sheet



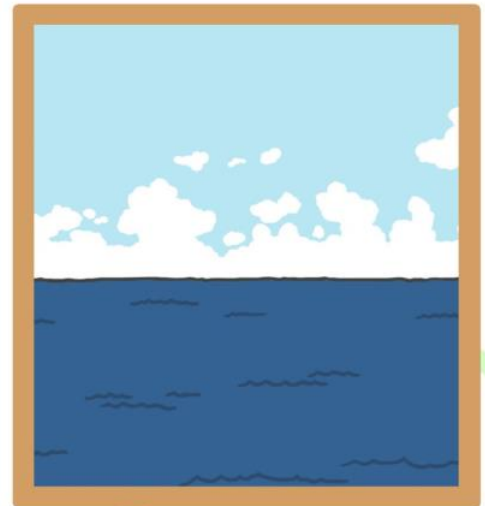
Because deserts are so dry, everything that lives in the desert must be able to survive without much water.

Many desert plants have leaves that collect and store water. Most desert animals get their water from eating these plants, or from the bodies of the animals they eat. They must work hard to stay cool so that they do not dehydrate.

Some animals like kangaroo rats and lizards live in burrows which stay cool and damp. These animals stay in their burrows during the hot days and come out at night to feed.

Camels can drink large amounts of water at one time and can survive as long as two weeks without drinking. They have large, spread out feet that help them to walk on the soft sand.

# Ocean Habitats Fact Sheet



Many kinds of plants grow in the ocean, including seaweed, grasses, algae and even flowers.

The oceans contain all kinds of creatures, from giant whales to tiny plankton.

There are many kinds of fish in the ocean, of all shapes and sizes. There are more than 21,000 species of fish in the ocean.

Many mammals live in the sea, such as seals, whales, dolphins and porpoises. These creatures need to return to the surface to breathe air, like humans do.

Some creatures crawl over the bottom of the ocean or burrow beneath it. They include lobsters, crabs, prawns and starfish.

# Arctic Habitats Fact Sheet



The Arctic Circle is located at the very top of the Earth. It is very cold in the Arctic all year round.

Only a few plants can grow in the Arctic region, mostly grass, moss and lichens. No trees can grow in the frozen ground. In some places in the Arctic it is too cold for anything to grow at all.

There are many land mammals in the Arctic including ox, reindeer, Arctic foxes, weasels, wolves, polar bears and brown bears.

Seals, walruses and whales live here and feed from the plankton and fish in the sea.

# Tropical Habitats Fact Sheet



The rainforest habitat is very hot and very wet. These are good conditions for trees and plants to grow very large.

There are more trees in tropical rainforests than anywhere else in the world. These trees are home to a huge number of animals. Most of them live high in the branches where they can find food.

Many insects, small birds and frogs feed on fruit, seeds and leaves, or other small creatures.

Tree-living lizards, chameleons and snakes feed on smaller animals. Plant-eating mammals, such as flying squirrels, monkeys, and sloths, live high in the forest canopy. Carnivores such as jaguars and leopards hunt in the trees to catch prey.