



# Desert Fact Web

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize facts from *Shifting Sands* to fill in the web.

## Features of Deserts

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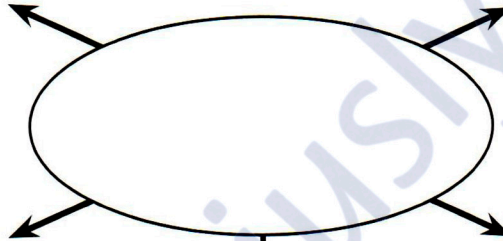
## Desert Recreation

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## Desert People

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## Desert Plants and Animals

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## Hidden Treasures

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# Nonfiction Assessment Record

**Book Title:** *Shifting Sands*

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Read pages 4 and 5 silently.  
What two climate conditions do all  
deserts have in common?*

Did the student say “dry winds” and  
“little rain”?

*Look at the map.  
Which is the only continent that does not  
have a desert?*

Did the student say “Europe”?

*Which land mass is mainly desert?*

Did the student say “Australia”?

*Read pages 8 and 9 silently.  
What are the two main problems facing  
desert animals?*

Did the student say “heat” and “lack of  
water”?

*Read pages 10 and 11 silently.  
What are two reasons camels are well  
suited to desert life?*

Did the student use the appropriate  
information from these pages?

*Read pages 12 through 15 silently.  
How is life changing for desert people?*

Did the student understand the impact  
of technology?

*Read pages 18 and 19 silently.  
What causes desertification, and how can  
it be partially stopped?*

Did the student use the appropriate  
information from these pages?

*What is different about how nature and  
humans alter the shape of the land?*

Did the student understand that  
humankind is purposeful and has a choice?