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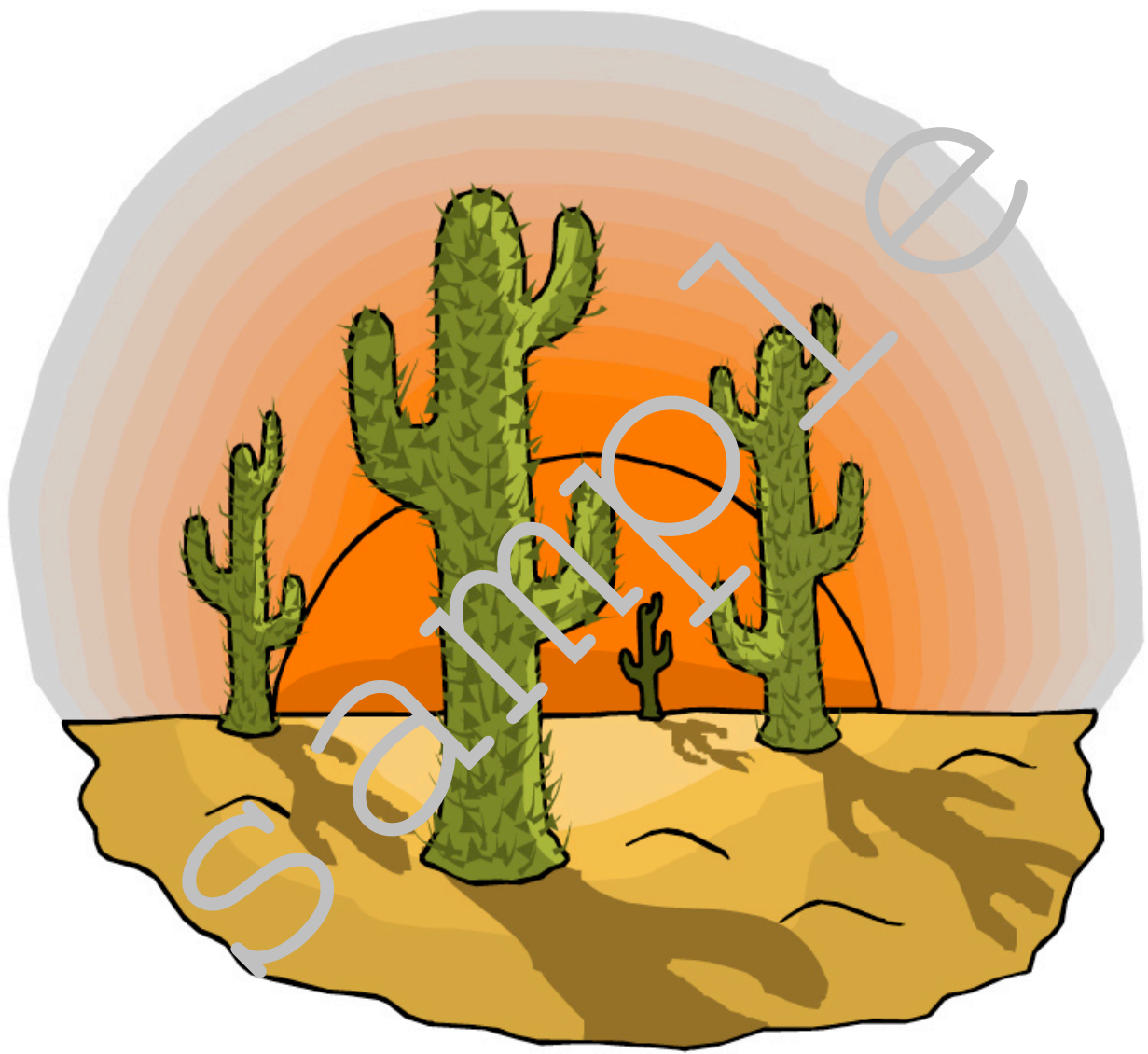
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Deserts



deserts

A desert is land that receives very little rain or snow.

If land gets under twenty-five inches of precipitation a year, it is considered a desert.

Look up the definition of precipitation. Write it on the lines below.

precipitation _____



There are warm and cold deserts.

Some deserts do not have precipitation for 10 to 100 years.

Cold deserts, are deserts that are extremely cold. Sometimes they are called tundras. The main form of precipitation in a cold desert is snow or fog. Cold deserts are usually covered with ice and snow. Cold deserts cover about one-sixth of the Earth's surface. The largest cold desert is the continent of Antarctica.

Warm deserts are hot and dry. They cover one-fifth of the Earth. Europe is the only continent that does not have a desert. The largest hot desert is the Sahara. It is in northern Africa and is in twelve countries.

The world's largest desert areas lie in narrow belts around the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. The prevailing winds in these areas are very dry.

Deserts are also located in the interior of continents. Winds have usually dropped most of their moisture by the time they reach these areas.



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The largest deserts in Australia are the Great Victoria Desert, Great Sandy Desert, and the Ternary Desert.

The Arabian desert is a very large desert in southwest Asia. One-third of this desert is covered with sand. Another large desert in Asia is the Turkistan desert. It is located in west-central Asia.

The North American Desert is located in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. It has four major divisions the Mojave, Sonoran, Chihuahuan, and the Great Basin deserts.



Do you live in the desert? yes no

People have always lived in the deserts. As far back as human history is recorded, man has found ways to survive in the desert.



Various tribes living in the Sahara, the Arabian, and the deserts of Asia wear a lot of clothing to protect themselves from the sun.

The most primitive tribes are the Bushmen of the Kalahari-Namib desert in south western Africa, and the Bindibu tribe in the West-Central Australian desert. These tribes are food gatherers and nomadic hunters. They have no permanent homes.

Large cities are found in many desert areas. One of the largest cities in the United States is in the Sonoran desert. Look in books or on the Internet to find the name of this city. Write the name here. _____

Look up the Sonoran Desert in books or on the Internet. Name some cities that are in the Sonoran desert.

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

large
tribes

nomadic
tundra

dunes
winds

oasis
cactus

