

## Title: Desert Animals

### Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

survive	shelter	bushes	humps
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1.



Some animals can survive in the desert.

2.



Camels have humps on their backs.

3.



Underground caves give shelter to meerkats.

4.



The roadrunner keeps cool in bushes and trees.

### Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



The Sahara Desert is the biggest desert in the United States.

Yes

No

2.



Camels need to drink water every day.

Yes

**No**

3.



Fennec foxes are active at night.

**Yes**

No

4.



Roadrunners are faster than ostriches.

Yes

**No**

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why do meerkat's live in underground caves?



a. To protect them from fennec foxes

**b. To protect them from the hot sun**

c. To keep them warm

d. Because they can't see in the bright sun

2. Why is this desert animal called a horned lizard?



a. It makes a sound like a horn.

**b. It has horns all over its body.**

c. It has a horn on its nose.

d. It is shaped like a horn.

3. How do ostriches get away from their enemies?



a. They fly high.

**b. They run fast.**

c. They lie down in brown grass.

d. They climb trees.

4. What is the gecko's most important body part?



- a. Tail
- b. Head
- c. Skin
- d. Feet

## Summary

**Fill in the blanks with the words.**

insects	climate	rough	mammals
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The desert is home to many animals. It is difficult to survive in the desert 1) climate, but these animals can do it. Camels have humps on their backs. The humps hold food. The fennec fox sleeps in its hole during the day to stay cool. It hunts and eats at night. Meerkats live in underground caves. The caves give them shelter from the hot sun. They eat 2) insects and small lizards. 3) Mammals are not the only animals in the desert. You can see lizards, too. The horned lizard uses its long tongue to catch ants. Birds also live in the desert. Ostriches and roadrunners are both birds that can run fast. Ostriches are big and cannot fly. Roadrunners are small. They hide in bushes and trees to stay cool. The desert is a 4) rough place to live, but these animals like it there.