

Title: The Desert and Its People

Word Study

A. Fill in the blanks using the words.

tents	battle	plenty	Aborigine
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1.



People have to battle very hot weather.

2.



Some people live in tents.

3.



Some Aborigine people live in the Great Sandy Desert.

4.



The Mojave Indians get plenty of water from the Colorado River.

Reading Comprehension

B. Circle Yes or No.

1.



About two million people live in the Sahara Desert.

Yes

No

2.



People who move a lot live in huts.

Yes

**No**

3.



People in the Sahara travel to other towns to trade things.

**Yes**

No

4.



Paiute Indians live in the Mojave Desert.

Yes

**No**

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where do people build huts in the Sahara?



- a. In cities
- b. Near trees
- c. Near water**
- d. On rocks

2. What is most of the Great Sandy Desert covered with?



- a. Grass**
- b. Sand
- c. Rocks
- d. Water

3. How do people get enough food to eat in the Great Sandy Desert?



- a. The women gather fruit and plants.
- b. The men hunt.
- c. The women catch fish.
- d. All of the above**

4. Which desert does NOT have people living in it today?



- a. The Chihuahuan Desert
- b. The Great Basin Desert
- c. The Sonoran Desert
- d. The Sahara Desert

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

trade	hunt	survive	grassland
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There are many different deserts in the world. Many plants and animals live in deserts. People live in deserts, too. About two million people live in the Sahara Desert. Some people build huts near water. Other people move a lot, so they live in tents. People travel to other towns to 1) trade things. The Great Sandy Desert is mostly 2) grassland. It has wetlands, too. Some Aborigine people live in the Great Sandy Desert. Everyone works together so no one is hungry. The women find food like fruit, plants, and fish. The men 3) hunt for food. The Paiute people live in the Great Basin Desert in California. The Sonoran Desert gets more rain than other deserts, but it is very hot. People in the Chihuahuan Desert are in danger. They need the river to 4) survive. Life in the desert is difficult. People work hard to survive.