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Deserts

Directions: Read about the deserts of the United States. Label the map where the deserts are located. Name an animal found in each desert.

A desert is an area on the earth where the air is dry and the land is arid. There is very little rainfall and few plants. Many people picture vast areas of sand and dunes when they think about a desert, but many deserts can be rocky with gravel and scrub brush.

The United States has four major deserts: the Chihuahuan, the Sonoran, the Great Basin, and the Mojave Deserts. The Chihuahuan Desert is found in Western Texas, Southern New Mexico, and South Eastern Arizona. The Sonoran Desert is located in South Western Arizona and Southern Arizona. The Great Basin Desert, which sees a lot more rainfall and cooler temps, is located primarily in Nevada. The Mojave Desert is located in Southern Nevada and Southern California. Death Valley National Park is located in the Mojave Desert, the hottest desert in North America.

1. Chihuahuan
2. Sonoran
3. Great Basin
4. Mojave

Animals of the US Deserts

Research animals found in US deserts. Write the name of an animal found in each desert.

Chihuahuan _____

Sonoran _____

Great Basin _____

Mojave _____

