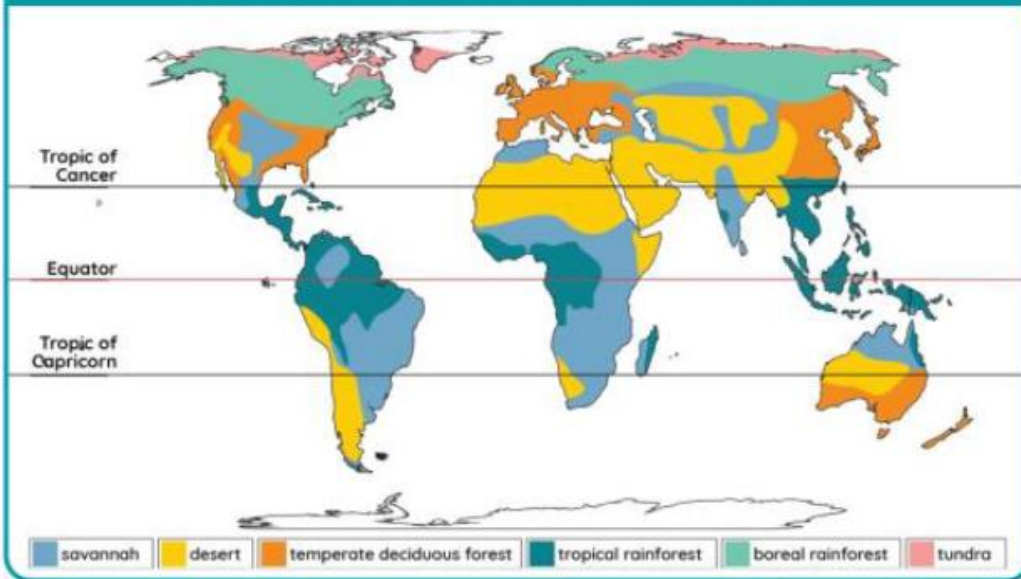


Knowledge Organiser Year 5 Term 6, Geography: What's it like to live in a Desert?

What is a desert and where are deserts located? What physical features do deserts have? How do people use desert and what impact does this have? Would you like to live in the desert?

Where are hot desert biomes located?

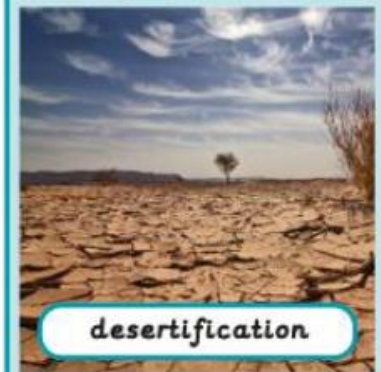


A hot desert biome is hot, dry and arid, although temperatures can drop at night and occasional heavy downpours can occur.

Threats and dangers:



drought



desertification



flash floods

How do people use the Mojave Desert?

- Protecting areas of natural beauty in national parks.
- Recreational purposes like hiking or quad biking.
- Ranching and farming.
- Military bases and training.
- Mining precious minerals.
- Generating renewable energy.
- Living in settlements.



arid	Too little rain to support lots of vegetation.
barren	Land that cannot grow vegetation.
biome	An area of the world with a similar climate and landscape, where similar plants and animals live.
climate	Long-term weather conditions in a specific region.
desert	Any stretch of land with little to no rainfall and extremely sparse vegetation and wildlife.
mining	The process of digging up valuable minerals from the Earth's crust.
rainfall	The amount of rain falling in a place over a particular time.
ranching	Keeping animals on a large farm, particularly in the Americas.
renewable energy	Energy generated from a continuous source, such as wind or water.

Physical features in the Mojave Desert:

