

Subject: Geography

Topic: “What are deserts?”

Sub-topic: Tropical deserts and temperate deserts

Level: S.2

Background information:

This activity is in the fourth lesson of the topic 'What are deserts?' in the second term of S.2. Students have learnt about types of deserts, location of tropical deserts and temperate deserts and names and pronunciation of the major deserts in the world.

Learning objectives:

1. Content:

Students should be able to classify the major deserts in the world into tropical deserts and temperate deserts and give reasons for the classification.

2. Language:

Students should be able to use the following sentence pattern in writing to classify the major deserts in the world into tropical deserts and temperate deserts and give reasons for the classification:

The _____ Desert is an example of a tropical desert because it is located between 15° and 35° north / 15° and 35° south of the equator. It lies on the western coast of the continent.

The _____ Desert is an example of a temperate desert because it is located between 35° and 50° north / 35° and 50° south of the equator. It lies in the interior of the continent, which is far away from the sea.

S.2 Geography
Tropical Deserts and Temperate Deserts
Worksheet 1

Name: _____ Class: _____ No. _____ Date: _____



Writing

Refer to Figure 1 which shows the major deserts in the world and complete the activities that follow.

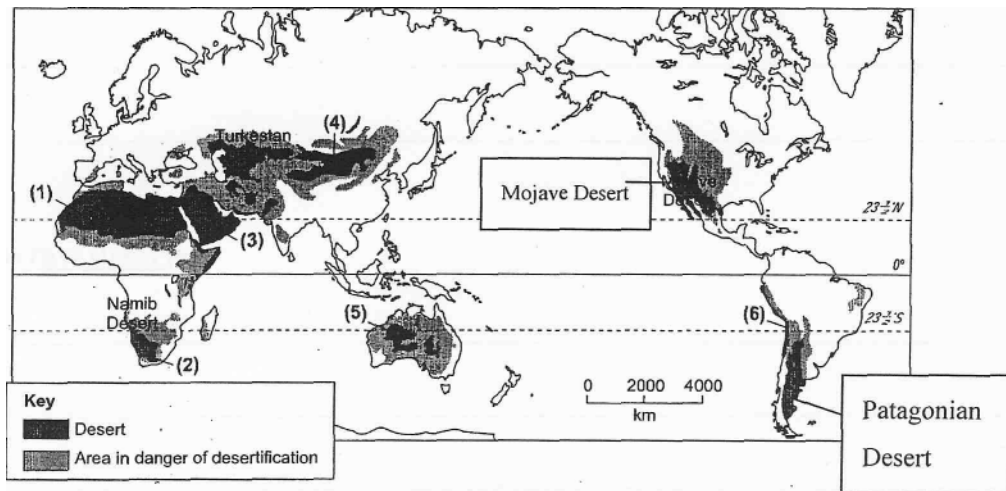


Figure 1

1. Use the information from your textbook to find out the names of the deserts marked 1 to 6. Write the names on the information sheet on the next page.
2. Put a '✓' in the appropriate boxes on the information sheet to show the type and location of each desert.
3. Refer to the information sheet, choose 2 examples of tropical deserts and 2 examples of temperate deserts. On the page following the information sheet, write a sentence each to explain why it is a tropical desert or a temperate desert. Use the information in the information sheet to help you give reasons. Use the sentence pattern given in no. 1 to help you.

Major Deserts in the world: Information sheet

1. Write in the name of the desert next to the corresponding number.
2. Put a tick in the box that describes the desert appropriately.

No.	Desert	Topical Desert			Temperate Desert		
		Located between 15° and 35° north of the equator	Located between 15° and 35° south of the equator	On the western coasts of the continents	Located between 35° and 50° north of the equator	Located between 35° and 50° south of the equator	In the interior of the continent, which is far away from the sea
e.g.	Namib Desert						
e.g.	Patagonian Desert						
/	Mojave Desert						
/	Turkestan Desert						
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

Tropical deserts:

1. _____ is an example of a tropical desert because it is located between
_____. It lies
_____. (If applicable)

2. _____

Temperate deserts:

1. _____

2. _____

