

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, several tall saguaro cacti are visible, some with arms. The background shows rolling brown mountains under a clear blue sky. The title 'The Desert' is written in large yellow letters in the upper right, and the author's name 'by Rob Arego' is in white below it. A copyright notice is in the bottom right corner.

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A large Saguaro cactus with a hole in its trunk against a blue sky. The cactus is green with distinct vertical ribs and small spines. The hole is a dark, irregular shape in the center of the main trunk. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The title 'The Desert' is overlaid in a white box with blue text.

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A desert can be a very hot place. There are few clouds. It does not rain much. Only a little water can be found there.



Because it is so hot and so hard to find water, few kinds of animals can live in the desert. Few kinds of plants can live there.



The plants and animals that do live there have ways to stay cool and find water.

Many kinds of cactuses are found in the desert. This kind has long roots that soak up water from the ground.

This owl finds a home inside the cactus. It is cool and safe there. The owl will not hurt the cactus.





This desert rat digs tunnels under the ground. It sleeps under the ground all day to stay cool and it comes out at night to find food. This rat never has to drink water. It gets its water from the food it eats.





This snake is a few feet long. It stays in the shade to keep out of the sun. It waits for a mouse or rat to come by.



Pronghorns live in the desert. They run from animals that want to catch them.

When they are little, they can't run fast. Their mothers mind them and keep them safe. Their mothers hide them where animals can't find them.

This toad sleeps under the ground all winter. That is because winters are very dry. When a few rainstorms come in the spring, the toad comes out.



This bobcat lives around bushes and rocks. It stays in bushes to keep out of the sun. It hides behind rocks to catch animals.







Some people don't mind living in the desert.  
Would you mind the heat?  
Would you mind the sun?





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