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# ECOSYSTEMS OF THE WORLD

## Desert Ecosystems

### Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about deserts? Do you want to learn more about a specific plant or animal? Write down one or two questions to guide your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources about the species that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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### Take a Stand

In Chapter Six, you learned irrigation can be a problem for deserts. Though bringing in water makes it possible for people to grow crops, it can also harm the ecosystem. Write a letter to your congressperson explaining your opinion on this issue.



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### Tell the Tale

Chapter One of this book discusses hot and cold deserts. Write 200 words imagining you are exploring a desert. Which type of desert would you explore? What challenges do you think you would face in this environment?



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### Say What?

Studying deserts can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book that you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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