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Deserts - Vocab Cards

adaptation]>

a change over time in a plant, animal, or other organism that makes it better fit its environment and better able to survive.

Longer beaks were a(n) _adaptation_. They helped birds on some islands find food and live long enough to pass on the trait.



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biome]>

a region of the Earth characterized by similar ecosystems, including climate, geographical features and plant and animal life.

Forests and deserts are two examples of _biomes_. The plants and animals in each one have adapted to their particular conditions.



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climate]>

the usual weather of a certain area.

A lot of people move to southern California for the warm, sunny
climate.

Synonyms: weather



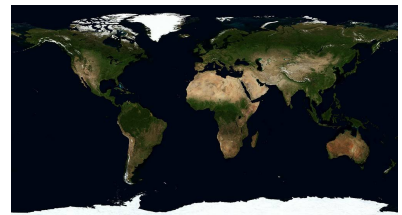
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continent]>

one of seven large areas of land on the Earth.

The _continent_ of North America includes Canada, the United States
and Mexico.



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current]>

the flowing movement of water or air in a certain direction.

It took a lot of strength to swim back to shore against a strong ocean
current.



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desert]>

an area of hot, dry land with few plants.

The primary characteristic of a _desert_ is that it is dry.



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Equator]>

the imaginary line around the Earth that is the same distance from the North and South Poles.

The _Equator_ goes around Earth's middle.



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evaporation]>

the act or process of turning from liquid to vapor or gas.

The desert's heat causes quick _evaporation_ of water into the air.



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latitude]>

distance north or south of the equator.

How far is New York from the equator? Check its _latitude_ on the map.



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precipitation]>

water that falls from the sky to the ground as rain, snow, sleet or hail.

We had very strange weather today with all different forms of _precipitation_: first rain, then sleet, then hail!



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