

Animals have clever ways to survive in hot deserts.

Some, like this fennec fox, only come out at night when it is cool.

Other animals can go days without drinking.



Fennec fox



Close up of a camel

Camels, meerkats, scorpions and snakes all live in hot deserts.

Camels have long eyelashes to protect their eyes from the dust.



Lizard

They can also close their nose!

Lizards have thick skin to stop themselves drying out under the hot sun.



Meerkat

Meerkats live in burrows underground to keep cool during the day.

Sidewinder snakes can travel sideways quickly over the hot sand.

Key words:

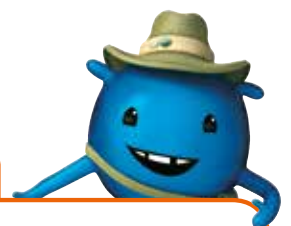
burrows

protect

scorpions

survive

travel



Guided Reading – Animals in Hot Places Discussion Sheet

Before Reading – Prediction activity

Ask your students these questions before and after reading the text. Have students skim the text to help with prediction before reading.

Statement	Before	Reading	After	Reading
	Yes	No	Yes	No
A. Based on the pictures, you are going to read about animals that live in water.				
B. Camels live in deserts.				
C. Meerkats live underground.				
D. All animals have to drink every day.				

During Reading – Help with pronunciation, understanding and decoding.

After Reading – Have students complete the following activities on an erasable white board or on a blank sheet of paper. Students should share responses after each question. You can document responses below.

1. How do camels survive in the desert?
2. Why do meerkats live in burrows underground?
3. Write a new word you have learned in this text. (Check spelling)
4. What animal can travel sideways?

Notes:

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Finish the sentences.

1. Animals have clever ways to _____ in hot deserts.
2. In hot places some animals can go days without _____.

Tick the answer.

3. Which animal **does not** live in a hot desert?

Camel ☐

Meerkat ☐

Scorpion ☐

Polar Bear ☐

4. Meerkats live underground in...

burrows ☐

caves ☐

houses ☐

flats ☐

Answer the question below.

5. How do sidewinder snakes travel over hot sand? _____

Tell Odd one thing you know about animals in hot places.





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1. Draw lines to fix the broken sentences.

Animals have clever ways
to

protect their eyes from
dust.

The fennec fox only comes
out

survive in hot deserts.

Camels have long eyelashes
to

at night when it's cool.

2. Name two animals found in hot places.

3. The capital letter, commas and full stop are missing.

Put them back in.

camels meerkats scorpions and snakes all live in hot deserts

4. Choose a word from the box to finish the sentences.

burrows

underground

travel

drinking

Sidewinder snakes can _____ sideways.

Some animals can go days without _____.