

Weekly Study Guide

A Walk in the Desert

question: what can we learn by exploring the desert?

selection words:

1. cactus – a plant with sharp parts but no leaves that grows in very hot, dry areas of North and South America (noun)
2. climate – the kind of weather a place has (noun)
3. coyote – a small animal with yellow fur and a bushy tail; looks something like a wolf
4. desert – a hot place without water or trees but with a lot of sand (noun)
5. harsh – to be rough, unpleasant, and unfriendly (adjective)

amazing words:

1. arid - when lack of rain in the desert causes it to be very dry
2. landform - a shape on the surface of the land
3. precipitation - rain, snow, hail, or other forms of water that come down from the clouds
4. dunes - sand hills piled up by the wind
5. ledge - a narrow shelf
6. haven - a safe place
7. extinct - when no more animals of that kind exist anymore
8. forbidding - something that seems scary or dangerous

academic vocabulary:

1. main idea
2. details
3. expository text
4. declarative sentences
5. interrogative sentences
6. inflected endings
7. topic
8. important ideas
9. chapter
10. table of contents
11. title page
12. compare and contrast
13. online reference source
14. website
15. keyword

spelling words: Spelling tests will be on Thursday unless changes in schedule have to be made.

1. dropped
2. dropping
3. excited
4. exciting
5. lifted
6. lifting
7. hugged
8. hugging
9. smiled
10. smiling
11. talked
12. talking

high frequency words:

1. animals
2. full
3. early
4. warm
5. eyes
6. water

Phonics skill: inflected endings (suffixes)

Comprehension skills: Main Idea and Details; Important Ideas

Genre: Expository Text

Reading strategy: Appropriate Phrasing

Language Skills/Conventions: Declarative and Interrogative Sentences

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