

DESERT ANIMALS

SUMMARY

- This chapter talks about various desert animals in India and other parts of the world. The chapter gives the details of desert animals like mongoose, camels, poisonous snakes and other desert animals

Desert

- Desert is the driest place on the earth and is devoid of rainfall for months and years together. It is not possible for the animals too ,to survive without water. They have their own different ways to cope in such conditions.

Rattlers and Mongoose

Rattlers are one of the most poisonous snakes found across the American continent. They prefer to avoid people but if they sense danger then they can attack at a lightening speed . They can feel the movement and not hear like most of the snakes.



Mongoose hunt together. They travel in groups to forage. They warn each other with a special alarm call in case of danger. They are able to kill snakes without getting hurt as their reactions are very quick. They keep saving themselves and attack when the snake gets tired. All the female mongoose reproduce at the same time .one or two male mongoose stay to guard the babies when rest go foraging.

Camels

- Camels can drink thirty gallons of water within ten minutes and can stay without water for months. It gets moisture from the desert plants. It is a myth that they store water in their humps. They store fat in their humps. Their humps help them when the food is scarce and it shrinks when they live without food .

Few questions

Research on animals and insects, other than those described in this chapter, found in deserts . Write your research work in the form of journal to inform about how they survive in deserts.

Camel is the king of desert
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