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The Desert



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consonants
and short
vowel sounds


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The Desert

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Discover how some desert animals have adapted to live in the hot and dry conditions.



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Decodable with tricky words

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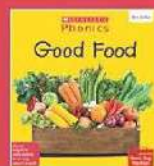


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Help your child to read!

This book practises words with more than one consonant next to each other, plus short vowel sounds (like **flat** and **sand**).
Read these words with your child.

blend

predator

help

step

Your child may need help to read these common tricky words:

do

they

are

have

to

the

when

be

Before reading

- Look at the cover picture and read the title together.
Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: *What do you already know about deserts?*
- Talk about the image in the magnifying glass.

During reading

- If your child gets stuck on a word, remind them to sound it out and then blend the sounds to read the word: b-l-e-n-d, blend.
- If they are still stuck, show them how to read the word.
- Enjoy looking at the pictures together. Pause to talk about the information.

After reading

- Talk about the image on page 16. What can your child tell you about it?
- Ask your child: *Why is it hard for animals to live in the desert?*
- Talk about what you have learned about desert animals.





Sand cats blend in with the sand.

Camels have flat feet to help them step on hot sand.



Ostriches have long necks to spot predators.



It can be hard living in a desert...

