

# Lesson 54

## There are so many dunes.

**Target:** Having a conversation about deserts.

### Vocabulary

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### Deserts



### Related vocabulary

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| - a <b>sand dune</b>  | - to be <b>dusty</b>                                 | - a <b>nomad</b> / to be <b>nomadic</b>   |
| - a <b>dune buggy</b> | - to be <b>empty</b>                                 | - to be <b>dehydrated</b>                 |
| - to be <b>sandy</b>  | - to be <b>uninviting</b>                            | - to <b>collapse from dehydration</b>     |
| - a <b>sandstorm</b>  | - to be <b>desolate</b>                              | - <b>vegetation</b>                       |
| - an <b>oasis</b>     | - to be <b>barren</b>                                | - to be <b>fertile</b>                    |
| - a <b>mirage</b>     | - a <b>valley</b> / a <b>canyon</b> / a <b>gorge</b> | - to be <b>nocturnal</b> / <b>diurnal</b> |
| - <b>salt flats</b>   | - <b>badlands</b>                                    | - <b>biodiversity</b>                     |

### Conversation

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**1** Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

#### Partner #1: Questions

1. What different deserts do you know? What is the biggest desert in the world?
2. What should you do if you feel parched?
3. Have you ever gone sandboarding down a sand dune?
4. Is the land in the desert fertile?
5. What do you think is the most uninviting place on Earth?
6. What should you bring if you are going to hike through the desert?
7. Can you name a nocturnal and a diurnal animal?
8. What movies do you know that feature deserts in them?
9. Is there a lot of biodiversity in the desert?
10. What are some other animals that live in the desert?

#### Partner #2: Questions

1. Are there any sand dunes in Japan?
2. What vegetation would you expect to see in the desert?
3. What should you do if you see a sandstorm coming?
4. Why do people live in the desert? Would you like to live there?
5. What would you expect to see in an oasis in the desert?
6. What vehicle is perfectly suited to driving in the desert? Why?
7. Why do people see mirages?
8. Why do people get dehydrated?
9. What are salt flats good for?
10. What are some barren, desolate, uninviting places that you know?

**2** Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You have hiked through the Sahara and the Gobi deserts.  
Partner #2: Interview your partner about their experience.
2. **Interview:** Give a short review of the movies: Flight of the Phoenix, Laurence of Arabia, or Sahara.
3. **Speech:** You were stuck in the desert for one month. Tell your partner about the experience.
4. **Debate:** You think going to a desert would be an interesting experience, but your partner disagrees.