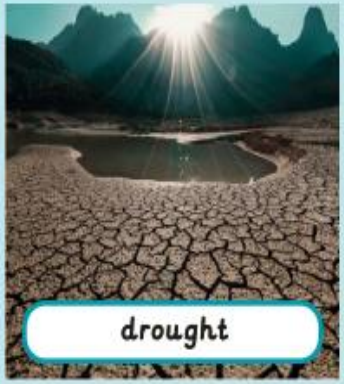
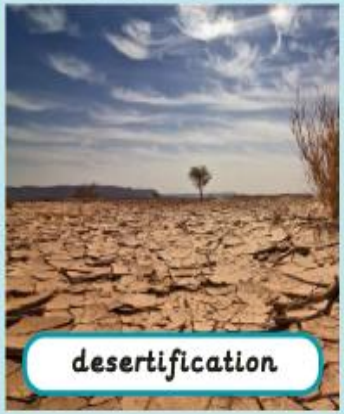
Geography

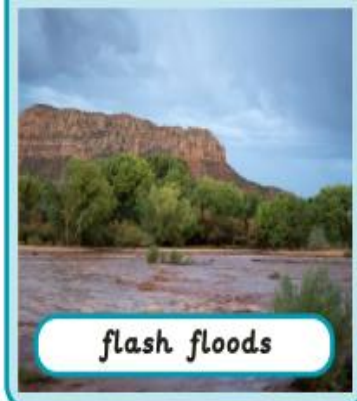
Year 5 – Autumn 2

Learning enquiry question: Would you like to live in the Desert?

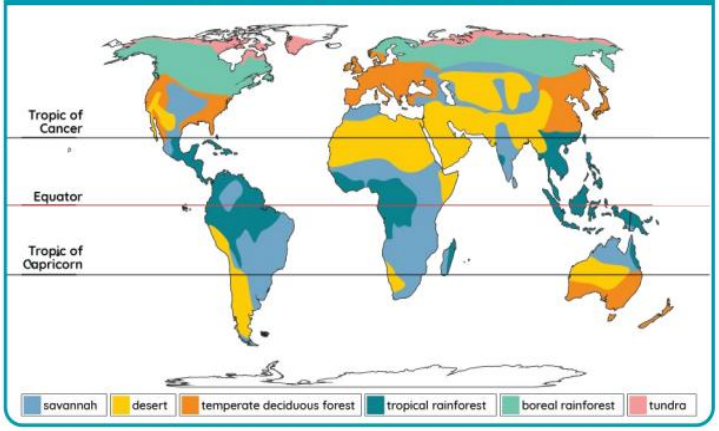
Threats and dangers:







Where are hot desert biomes located?





A hot desert biome is hot, dry and arid, although temperatures can drop at night and occasional heavy downpours can occur.

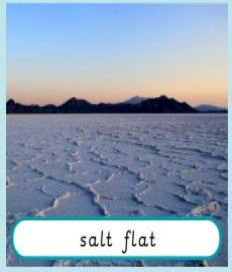
Physical features in the Mojave Desert:











How do people use the Mojave Desert?

- Protecting areas of natural beauty in national parks.
- Recreational purposes like hiking or quad biking.
- Ranching and farming.
- Military bases and training.
- Mining precious minerals.
- Generating renewable energy.
- Living in settlements.





Key Vocabulary

Arid – Too little rain to support lots of vegetation.

Barren – Land that cannot grow vegetation.

Climate – Long-term weather conditions in a specific region.

Desert – Any stretch of land with little to no rainfall and extremely sparse vegetation and wildlife.

Mining – The process of digging up valuable minerals from the Earth's crust.

Rainfall – The amount of rain falling in a place over a particular time.

Ranching – keeping animals on a large farm.

Renewable energy – Energy generated from a continuous source such as wind or water.