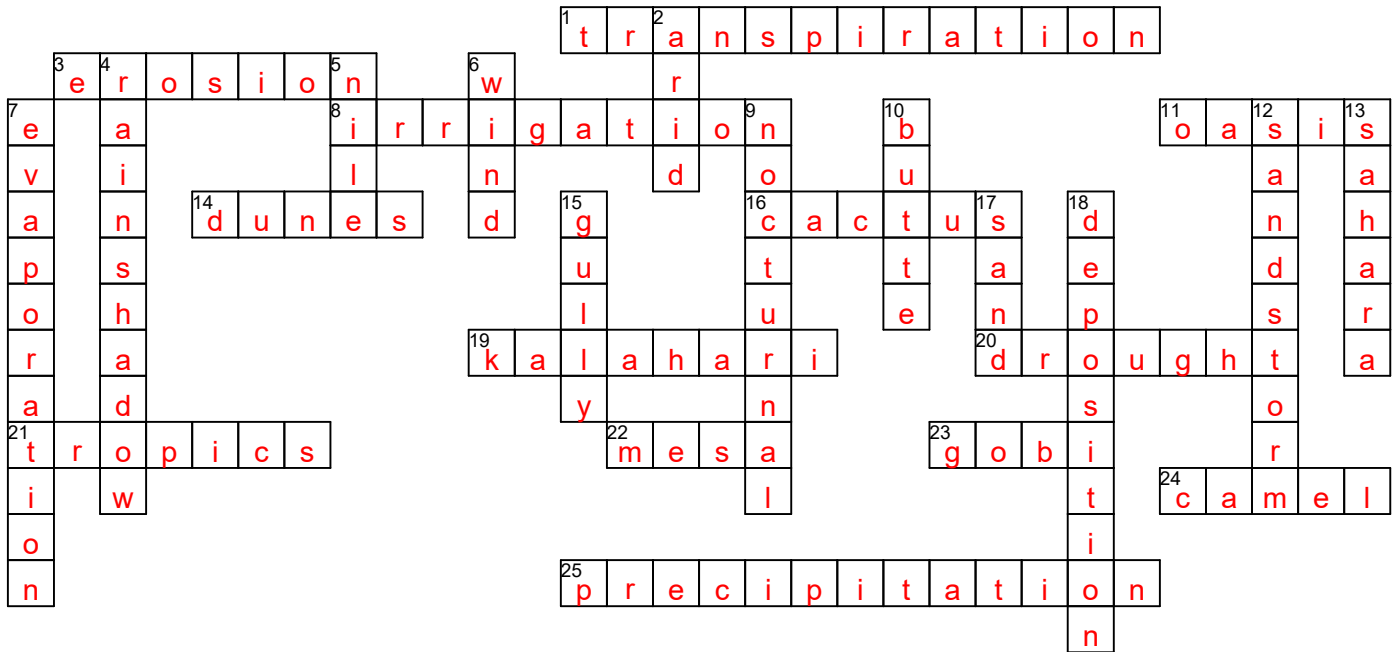


Deserts Crossword Puzzle

1. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

- Desert plants often reduce their rates of _____ to conserve water.
- Condition in which rock surfaces are worn away by the action of wind.
- Supplying dry land with water by means of ditches etc.
- A fertile or green spot in a waste or desert, especially in a sandy desert.
- A ridge of sand created by the wind; found in deserts or near lakes and oceans.
- Any spiny succulent plant of the family Cactaceae native chiefly to arid regions of the New World.
- Desert located in southern Africa.
- A long period with little or no rain.
- Most of the world's hot deserts are located here.
- A high tableland; a plateau on a hill.
- Desert located in Mongolia and China.
- Cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions.
- A deposit on the earth of hail, mist, rain, sleet, or snow; also, the quantity of water deposited.

DOWN

- Exhausted of moisture; parched with heat; dry; barren.
- Some deserts occur in the _____ of mountains which block moist winds.
- This African river has been described as a "fountain of life" in a desert region.
- A major agent in the transportation and deposition of sand in the desert.
- In a desert, this process occurs faster than precipitation.
- Having a habit of seeking food or moving about at night; as, nocturnal birds and insects.
- A detached low mountain, or high hill, rising abruptly from the general level of the surrounding plain; -- applied to peculiar elevations in the Rocky Mountain region.
- A windstorm that lifts up clouds of dust or sand.
- The world's largest desert.
- A channel or hollow worn in the earth by a current of water; a short deep portion of a torrent's bed when dry.
- Formed as a result of the rapid heating and cooling of rock in a desert.
- Process by which sand is dropped by the wind to form hills or ridges.