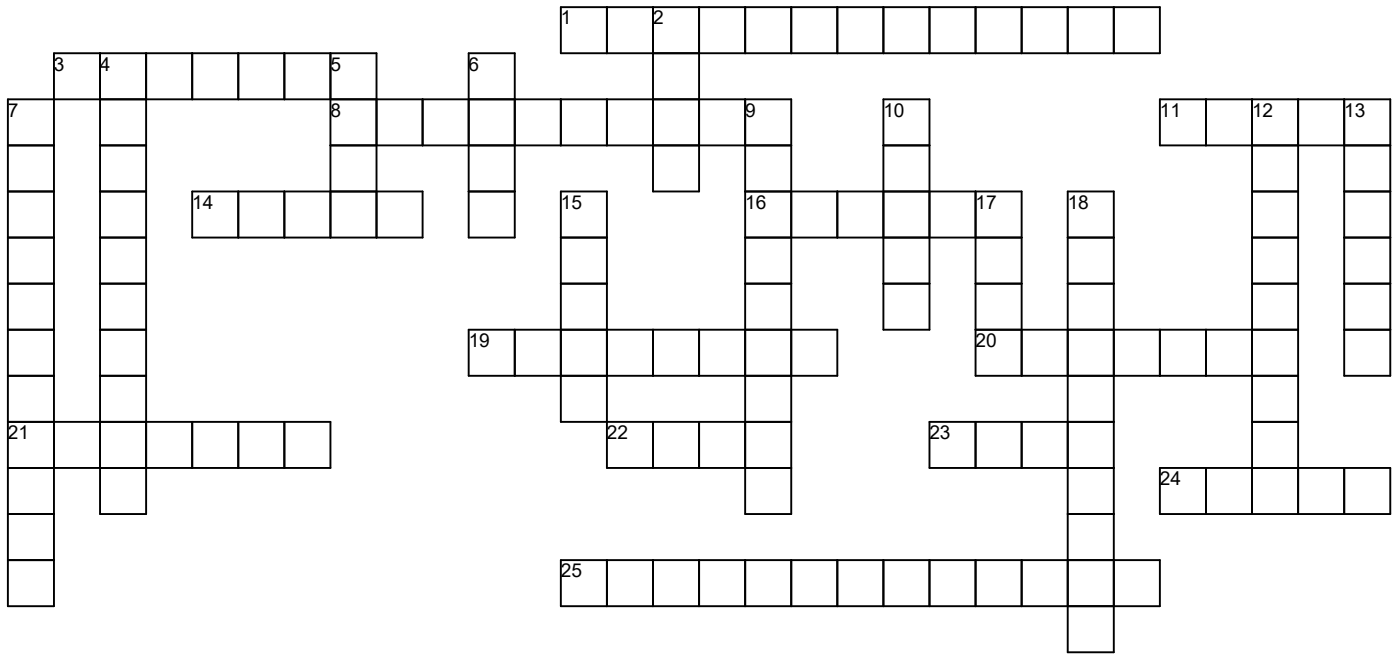


# Deserts Crossword Puzzle

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



## ACROSS

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

## DOWN

2. Exhausted of moisture; parched with heat; dry; barren.
4. Some deserts occur in the \_\_\_\_\_ of mountains which block moist winds.
5. This African river has been described as a "fountain of life" in a desert region.
6. A major agent in the transportation and deposition of sand in the desert.
7. In a desert, this process occurs faster than precipitation.
9. Having a habit of seeking food or moving about at night; as, nocturnal birds and insects.
10. 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.
12. A windstorm that lifts up clouds of dust or sand.
13. The world's largest desert.
15. A channel or hollow worn in the earth by a current of water; a short deep portion of a torrent's bed when dry.
17. Formed as a result of the rapid heating and cooling of rock in a desert.
18. Process by which sand is dropped by the wind to form hills or ridges.

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wind

Nile

arid

Sahara

evaporation

sand storm

Gobi

dunes

precipitation

camel

nocturnal

transpiration

cactus

deposition

oasis

drought

gully

sand

erosion

mesa

Irrigation

butte

rain shadow

Kalahari

tropics