

Follow your teacher's directions to complete the Reading Notes for each of three environments: desert, oasis, and Sahel.

3 The Desert Environment

What are the physical characteristics of the desert?

3 main landforms
Ergs - seas of sand w/ tall sand dunes
Regs - gravel covered plains
Hamadas - high rock covered flat land
2 Rivers Nile & Niger
Wadis - dry river beds

How do you think people have adapted to living in the desert?

- Adapt
 • transportation (camel)
 • Carry your own food/water
 • Clothing

Temperatures vary (100° F day, freezing night)
 Rain unpredictable
 0-1.5"
 Plants adapt sprout, die, set seed

4 Adaptations to Life in the Desert

How have people adapted to living in the desert?

(blue) Tuareg - raise camels
 goats cattle or sheep &
 (nomads) move to fresh grazing area

long loose fitting clothing
 cloth wrapped around heads
 to protect from sand & sun

- Live in a family of 2-100
- Trade for food they need
- Some even drill to find underground water

