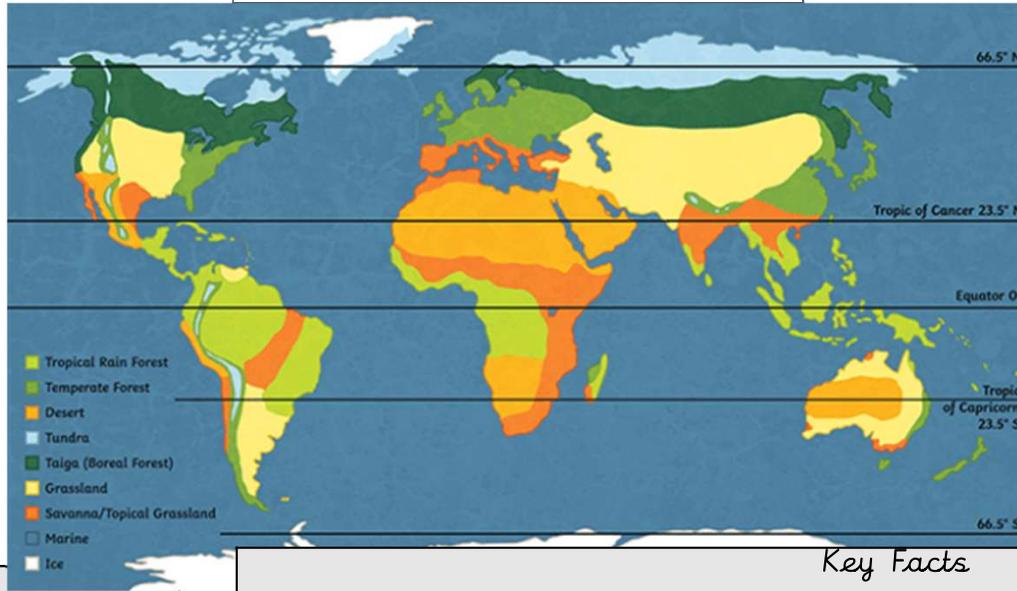




Y4 Geography Autumn 1  
 What are the features of a desert?  
 Key Concepts: Environment, Space

Assessment Writing Task  
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Key Learning
What are the major biomes?
What makes a desert a desert? Is there a pattern to where deserts are located?
What are the physical features of a desert?
What are the human features of a desert?

Let's Remember! Environment, Space
What are the different types of soil? Silt, Clay, Loam and Sand
Where are the equator and poles on the globe? What is it like to live there?
What are where are the seven continents?
What are where are the five oceans?

Key Vocabulary	
Biome	Marine
Tropical	Ice
Rainforest	Abrasion
Temperate Forest	Arid
Desert	Canyon
Tundra	Drought
Taiga (Boreal Forest)	Nomadic
Grassland	Oasis
Savanna	Salt Pan
Xerophytes	Sand Dunes
	Weathering

Key Facts
Deserts are mainly found around the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. A desert is any large, arid area of land where little to no rainfall occurs, along with little vegetation.
Desert soils are usually thin, sandy, rocky and generally grey in colour. In deserts, wind abrasion shapes the rocks and boulders. An oasis is an area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region. A salt pan forms by evaporation of a water pool.
The temperature can reach over 50°C in the day and below 0°C at night.
About 1 billion people live in deserts. Many of these people rely on centuries-old customs to make their lives as comfortable as possible and live a nomadic lifestyle.