

Grasslands and Deserts Video Focus Questions

1. What is an ecosystem? Describe the living and the non-living parts of an ecosystem.
2. Name some different types of ecosystems.
3. Why are deserts different from other ecosystems?
4. What is the largest desert in the world? Where is it located?
5. Why can it be so hot during the day in a desert and so cold at night?
6. What is an adaptation? Why are adaptations necessary?
7. Name as many desert plant adaptations as you can.
8. Why is camouflage considered to be an animal adaptation?
9. What adaptation does the oryx, the African desert antelope, have for living in the desert?
10. What adaptation does the camel have that makes it so successful in the desert?

11. What can happen to deserts if they get more moisture over a long period of time?
12. What are some different names for grasslands around the world?
13. What makes it possible for grasslands to have many more types of plants and animals than can be found in deserts?
14. Why are grasslands so important to humans?
15. What can happen to grasslands if they receive less moisture over a long period of time?
16. What is habitat?
17. What is a niche?
18. What does nocturnal mean?
19. What does venomous mean?
20. What determines if a place is a desert?

