

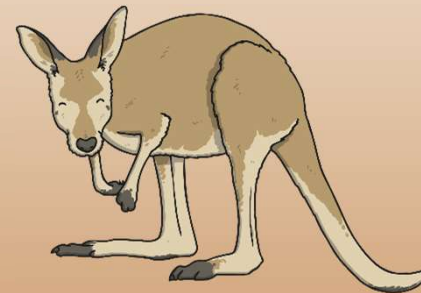
Deserts

Because there is such little water in the desert, not many living things can survive here. Animals and plants that live here are specially adapted to the harsh, dry conditions.

Many desert plants have leaves that collect and store water. Since water is so scarce, most desert animals get their water from eating these plants, or from the blood and body tissues of their prey.

Some animals, like kangaroos and lizards, live in burrows which do not get too hot or cold and have damp air inside. These animals stay in their burrows during the hot days, coming out at night to feed.

Camels can drink large amounts of water at one time and can survive as long as two weeks without drinking. They have large spread out feet that help them to walk on the soft sand.



Animals the Desert



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