

THE DESERTS

Comprehension check, Part 1

1. From the first paragraph

(i) pick out two phrases which describe the desert as most people believe it is;

Answer: Two phrases which describe the desert as most people believe are:

- a. an endless stretch of sand.
- b. Where no rain falls.

(ii) pick out two phrases which describe the desert as specialists see it.

Which do you think is an apt description, and why?

Answer: Two phrases by which the specialist describe desert as are:

- a. Desert can be a beautiful place
- b. Home of a variety of people, animals and plants.

According to me, both the descriptions are apt as deserts are really beautiful place if one adapts to the climate of deserts. Although, it receives less rain, but whenever it does the beautiful desert blooms can be seen.

2. The phrases on the left in the following box occur in the text. Match each of them with a phrase on the right.

(i) an endless stretch of sand	* fertile place with water and plants in a desert
(ii) waterless and without shelter	• not visible because the grass is thick
(iii) an oasis	• nothing but sand as far as one can see
(iv) hidden by a cover of grass	• no water and no shade

Answer: (i) an endless stretch of sand → nothing but sand as far as one can see.
(ii) waterless and without shelter → no water and no shade.
(iii) an oasis → fertile place with plants in a desert.
(iv) hidden by a cover of grass → not visible because the grass is thick