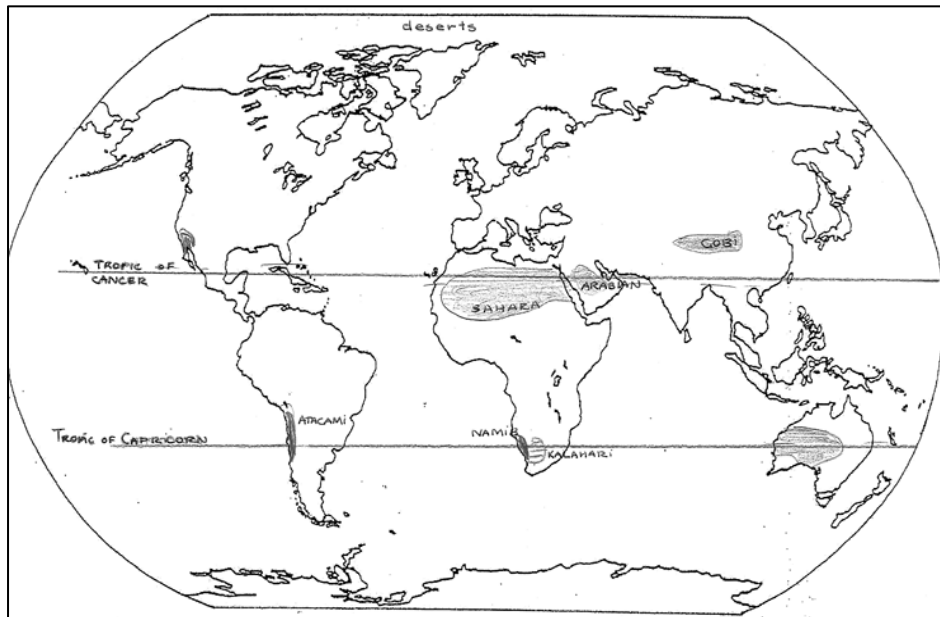


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Pattern

[1]

Deserts are scattered across the globe [2] with a desert area in most continents. The major southern deserts are the Atacama, Namib, Kalahari and the Great Sandy Desert. They are all near the Tropic of Capricorn [3]. The northern deserts are...

Factors and/or processes

Most of the world's deserts are in lines near the Tropics 20-30° N/S [4] and this area has mostly high pressure... At the equator it is warm all year and they have a lot of rainfall. Near the tropics the air is mostly descending, this is called a high pressure. Deserts near the tropics like the Kalahari receive warm dry air. This process causes the deserts near the tropics as shown on my map [5].

Cold ocean currents are near most of the large deserts e.g. the Atacama and Namib on the Tropic of Capricorn. The air stays dry because the cold water doesn't get evaporated in to the air... [6].

Significance to people's lives

People living in the desert spend a lot of time in search of water. It forces them to keep moving except when they stay at an oasis but even this isn't permanent because... People in the Sahara Desert dig deep holes and tunnel systems in the ground to get water from the rocks...

The San people in the Kalahari Desert get most of their water from plants...

People in the Atacama Desert put up big nets to catch the fog [7]