

Student 6 - High Not Achieved

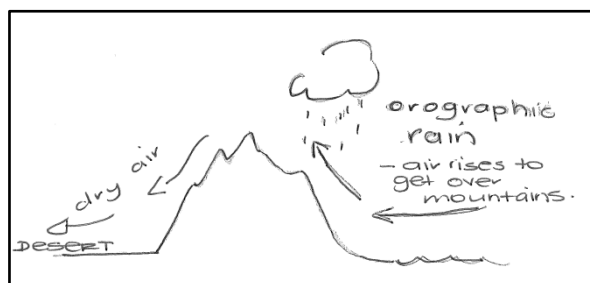
### Pattern

The deserts are found above and below the Equator. The biggest desert is the Sahara in Africa. The biggest desert in the southern hemisphere is in Australia. There are groups of deserts in most of the continents e.g. in the bottom of Africa there is the Namib and Kalahari. Another group has the Sahara Desert and Arabian Desert ...[1].

A map was included which showed desert locations but it did not identify a spatial pattern.

### Factors and/or processes

Deserts don't get rain because the rain happens on the hills before the air gets in to the desert. Air with water vapour rises to get over the mountains e.g. the Atlas Mountains by the Sahara, and it cools causing rain. This means that dry air is going into the desert [2].



Cold water doesn't evaporate much so the cold ocean current near the Sahara causes the wind from the west to be dry...Cold ocean currents are near lots of the deserts...

### Significance to people's lives

It is a hard life to live in the desert. The Tuareg are nomads who live in the Sahara Desert. Their lives are controlled by the need for water. Sometimes they settle near to oases and grow maize [3]. They use camel dung as fuel to cook with and keep warm at night...

In the Kalahari Desert the San people get water from plant roots...[4].