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Class:IV

Subject: Social Science

L- 7:The Western Desert

New Words

1. Aravalli
2. oasis
3. streams
4. nomads
5. organized
6. barren
7. Kalbeliya
8. mustard
9. tourists
10. irrigation

Define the following terms:

1. sand dunes: small hills of sand
2. oasis(plural – oases): fertile area in a desert where underground water comes to the surface
3. barren: land where crops cannot be grown

Fill in the blanks:

1. The desert region remains hot and dry for most of the year.
2. The camel is called the Ship of the desert.
3. Luni is the most important river in Rajasthan.
4. The Taj Mahal was built with white marble mined from Makrana in Rajasthan.
5. Jaipur is also called the 'Pink City' as many houses of old town were painted pink.
6. The word "Hawa Mahal" means "Wind Palace".

Answer these questions:

Q1. Where is the Great Indian Desert located?

Ans. The Great Indian Desert ,also known as the Thar Desert lies to the west of the Aravalli Hills,in Rajasthan ,where the land is rocky and sandy.

Q2. What are sand dunes?

Ans. The high and low hills of sand are called sand dunes.

Q3. Describe the vegetation of the desert region.

Ans. Due to a hot and dry climate mostly scattered bushes and thorny shrubs grow in the desert region. The khejri , kikar and babul trees are grown here.

Q4. What is an oasis ?What happens in an oasis .

Ans. Oasis is a fertile area in a desert where underground water comes to the earth's surface. People grow crops and settle around an oasis.

Q5. What kind of walls do houses in Rajasthan have? Give reasons for your answers.

Ans. The walls of the houses in Rajasthan are thick to keep the heat out so that the houses remain cool.

Think and answer

Q1. How has Indira Gandhi Canal changed the life of the people in the desert?

Ans. Indira Gandhi Canal has changed the life of people of Rajasthan by making barren land fertile.

Q2. Why do farmers of Rajasthan grow bajra and maize?

Ans. Bajra and maize need less water for cultivation so, farmers of Rajasthan grow these crops.

Map Activity

Mark western desert on India political map