A Desert Drive

Matt and Tina were going on a drive with their Aunt Anna. They quickly loaded the truck. After a few miles Anna pointed out the window. “Look at the jackrabbit!” she exclaimed.

A rabbit with long ears leaped through the grass. “It’s a black-tailed jackrabbit!” Tina said. “You can tell by the black tips on its ears and the black stripe on its tail.”

Matt crossed his arms. “We won’t be seeing any jackrabbits in Big Bend National Park. It will be too hot and dry for them.”

“We probably will see some jackrabbits in Big Bend,” Tina answered. “You’ll recognize a lot of the same animals that live near your home.”

“Nothing lives in the desert,” Matt stated.

Anna pulled a book out of her backpack. “Look—we live in the Chihuahuan Desert. It’s the largest desert in North America.”

“It’s hard to believe that this is a desert, but it is,” Tina said. “A desert is a location that gets less than ten inches of rain every year.”

**1. Why doesn’t Matt think anything lives in the desert? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**2. What is the largest desert in North America? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**3. Does a desert get a lot or a little rain fall? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**