

Lake Mead

Environmental Education

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Grade 1 - Pre-Site Activity

“Who Lives Here?”

Objective

Students will compare their own homes to homes of desert animals.

Vocabulary

habitat - the place where an animal or plant lives in nature

Materials

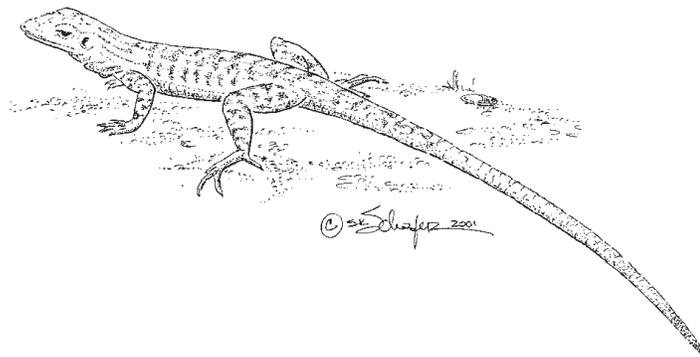
Pictures of desert animals and their homes
Pictures of different human homes

Time

30 minutes

Overview of Activity

1. Start the activity off with a discussion about different types of homes. As a group, look at different pictures of human homes and talk about the different sizes, shapes and colors.
2. Connect human homes to animal homes. The animal home might not have air conditioning or running water, but animals need a place to sleep and feel safe.
3. As a class, figure out the correct pairings of animals to their homes. Why do they think animals choose the type of home they do?
4. After all of the animals and homes have been correctly paired, connect back to the homes we live in and the homes animals live in.



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