

# 4. India–The Western Desert

## Worksheet 1

**A** Select the correct option to complete each sentence below.

1. In the desert most of the people live near \_\_\_\_\_.  
(sand-dunes/oases/rivers)
2. Only \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can grow in the desert.  
(thorny trees; shrub/evergreen trees; lichen/pine trees; bamboo)
3. The banjaras of the Thar Desert are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(tall/warriors/nomads)
4. The Dilwara Jain Temple at \_\_\_\_\_ is famous for its marble carvings.  
(Jaipur/Mt Abu/Udaipur)
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a seasonal river that flows through the desert.  
(Chambal/Betwa/Luni)

**B** Write True or False.

1. Water is easily available in the wells of the Thar desert. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Great Indian Desert lies in Western Rajasthan. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Indira Gandhi or Rajasthan Canal draws water from the Satluj. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The camel is not used anymore in the desert. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The main occupation of the people is farming & animal rearing. \_\_\_\_\_

**C** Write brief answers to the following questions.

1. What is an oasis?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why is the camel called the 'ship of the desert'?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Name three desert towns in the Thar Desert.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Name three crops now grown in this area.

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5. What is the biggest problem in the desert?

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Answers to Worksheet I

- A. 1. oases 2. thorny trees; shrubs 3. nomads 4. Mt Abu 5. Luni
- B. 1. False 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True
- C. 1. An oasis is formed where underground water becomes available at the surface in a desert. Some vegetation can grow and people can live there.
2. The camel is capable of moving in the desert sands easily and can go without food and water for many days. Therefore, it is useful to carry people and goods and is called the ship of the desert.
3. Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Barmer
4. wheat, jowar, bajra
5. Shortage of water is the biggest problem in the desert.

# Worksheet 2

(A) See the pictures below and say what they are showing.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



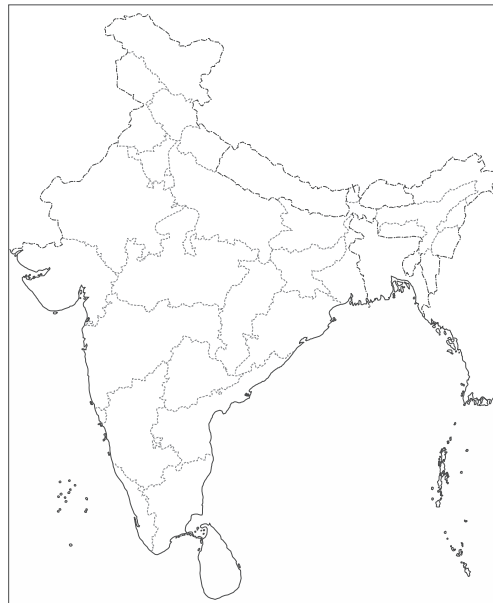
4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Mark the following on a map of India:

1. The Great Indian Desert
2. Jodhpur
3. Jaipur
4. Jaisalmer



## Answers to Worksheet 2

A. 1. Sand Dune 2. Camel 3. Caravan 4. Oasis 5. Banjara