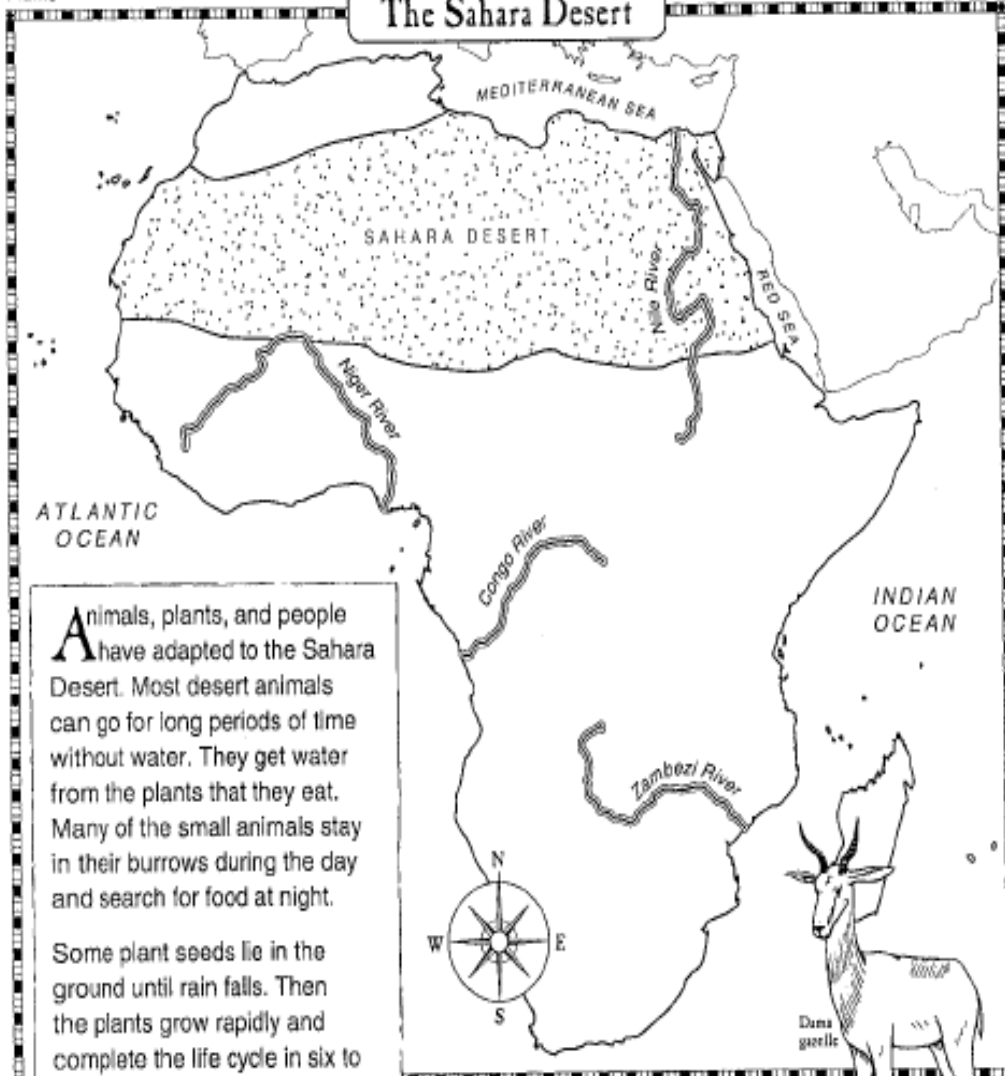


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## The Sahara Desert



**A**nimals, plants, and people have adapted to the Sahara Desert. Most desert animals can go for long periods of time without water. They get water from the plants that they eat. Many of the small animals stay in their burrows during the day and search for food at night.

Some plant seeds lie in the ground until rain falls. Then the plants grow rapidly and complete the life cycle in six to eight weeks. Some plants have long roots to reach deep into the soil, and others take moisture from the air through their leaves.

The Sahara has a population of about two million people. Most of the Saharan people are nomads who tend herds of camels, cattle, goats, and sheep. They travel from oasis to oasis to use seasonably available water and pastures.

### SAHARA FAUNA & FLORA

#### Animals

Addax (antelope)  
Dama gazelle  
Desert jerboa (gerbil)  
Dromedary (one-humped camel)  
Fennec (fox)  
Monitor lizard  
Scarab beetle  
Vulture

#### Plants

Acacia  
Drought-adapted grasses  
Drought-adapted shrubs

