GCSE GEOGRAPHY · HOT DESERTS

Blurt it

Step 1

Name _____ **Date** _____

Option topic: your class studies Hot Deserts or Cold Environments, not both.

1. Cover your notes and put your phone face down.
2. Set a timer for 5 minutes.
3. Write down everything you remember about hot deserts: facts, key words, processes, and your case studies and examples. Diagrams and sketch maps count too.

Stuck? Start with one of these: aridity · desertification · overgrazing

When the timer ends, turn over and check what you remembered.

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Check it, fix it, space it

Steps 2, 3 and 4

Check it

Tick each idea you wrote down, even in your own words.

- [ ] Know the climate and conditions of a hot desert
- [ ] Climate, water, soils, plants, animals and people all depend on each other
- [ ] Plants and animals are adapted to extreme heat and very little water
- [ ] Harsh conditions shape the biodiversity of hot deserts
- [ ] Development opportunities: mineral extraction, energy, farming and tourism
- [ ] Development challenges: extreme temperatures, water supply and inaccessibility
- [ ] Causes of desertification: climate change, population growth, fuel wood, overgrazing, over-cultivation and soil erosion
- [ ] Reduce desertification: better water and soil management, planting trees and appropriate technology
- [ ] Use one named hot desert as your case study

Key words to use: hot desert · aridity · precipitation · adaptation · biodiversity · mineral extraction inaccessibility · desertification · overgrazing · over-cultivation · soil erosion · appropriate technology

I remembered _____ out of 9.

Fix it

Pick 3 ideas you missed. Look them up, then write each one correctly.

1

2

3

Space it

Blurt again on a fresh sheet. Gaps help you remember for longer.

Tomorrow
Date _____
Score _____ / 9

In 3 days
Date _____
Score _____ / 9

In a week
Date _____
Score _____ / 9

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