

Big Trek in Hot Sand





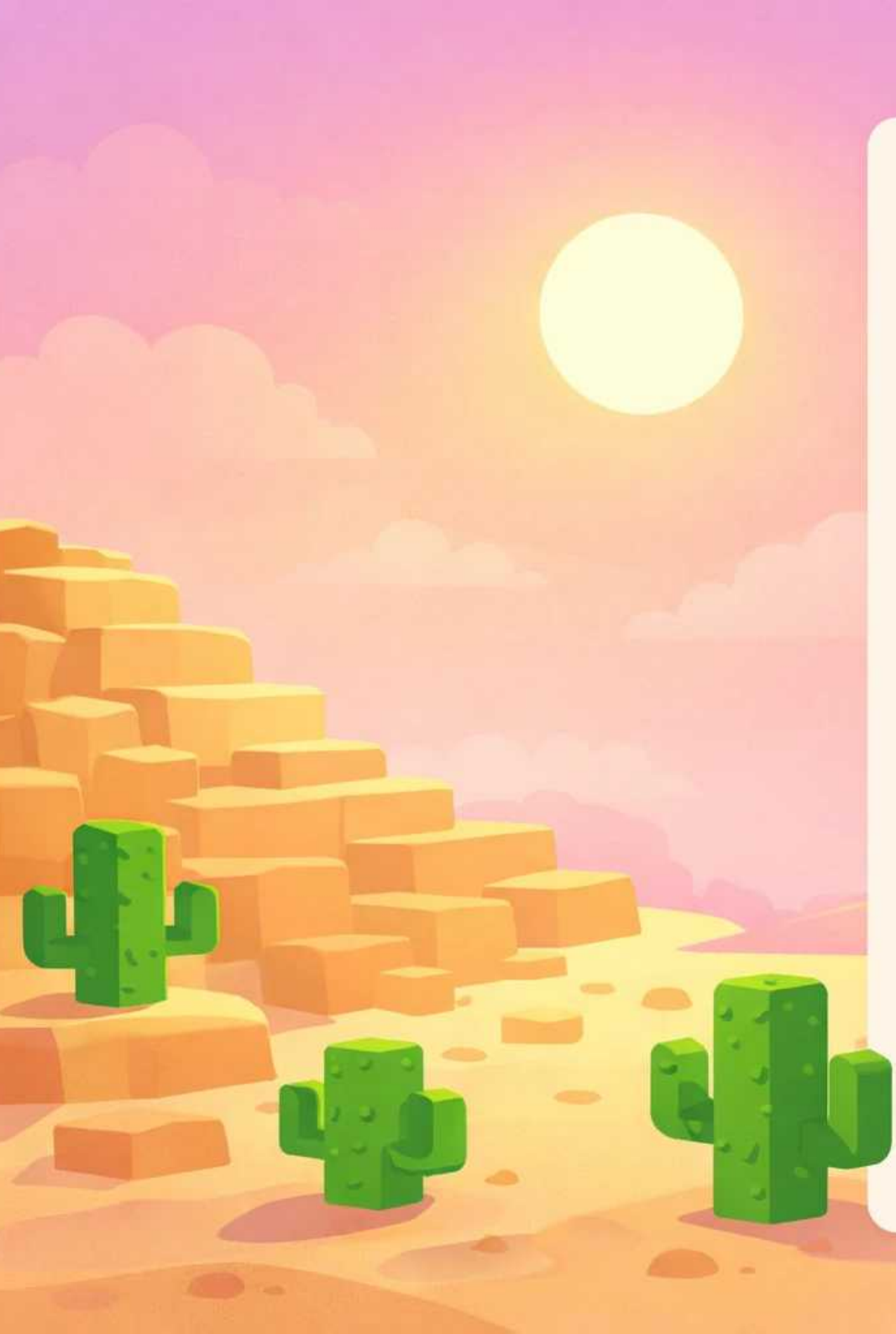
This is the desert.

Sand is all you can see, and the sun is hot.

The land is flat and dusty. Just a shrub or a cactus can cling on in the sand.

The sun is at its top,
and the land is very
hot. The Minecraft
figure stands in the
sand and rests. Far
at the back, a rabbit
sits in the sun. It is
too hot to hop and
run.



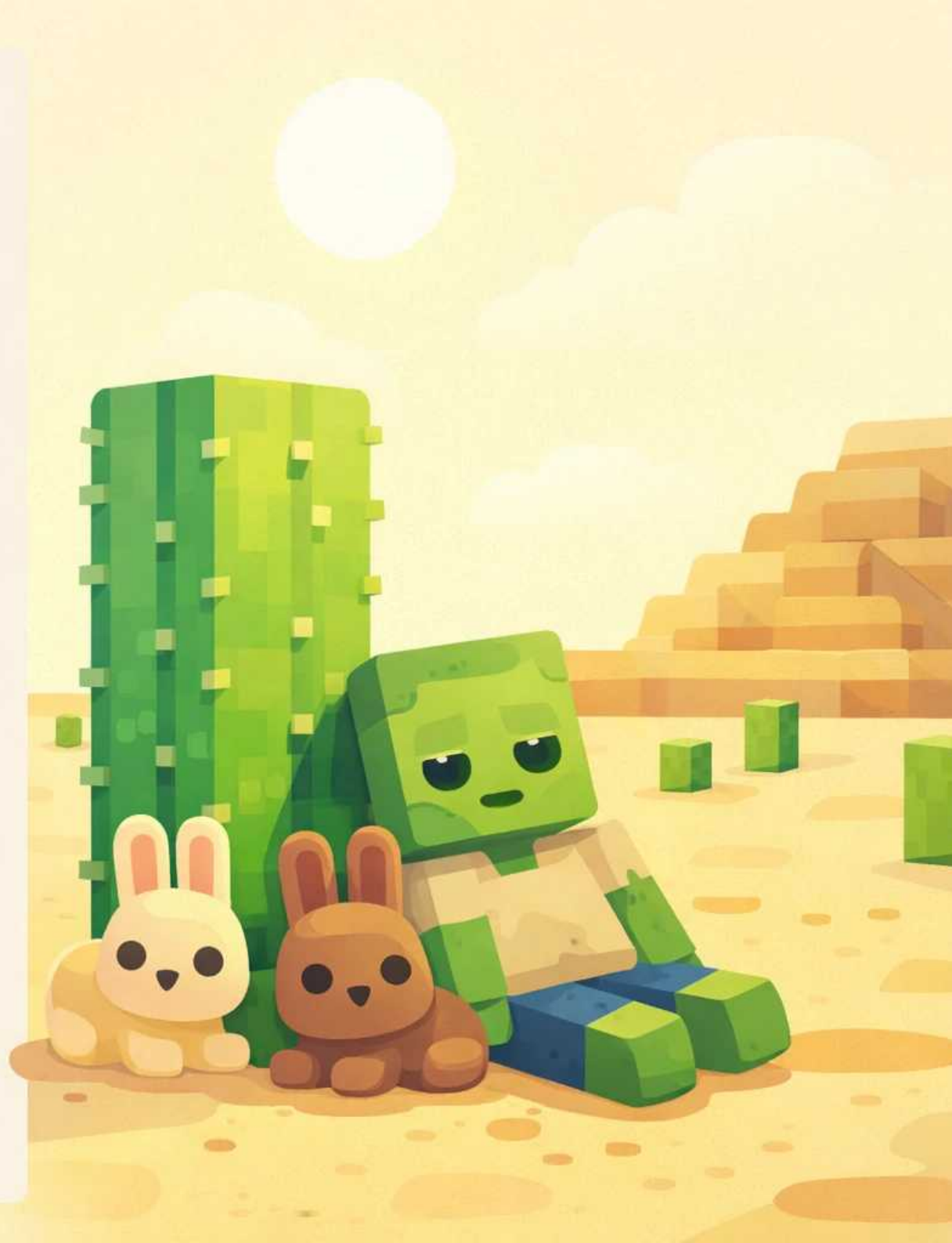


Water is hard to get in the desert. It has no pond and no river at all.

So you must plan your trek. Pack a big bag and a jug, and check your map.

The sun is hot, so a husk and a rabbit seek shelter at a big cactus.

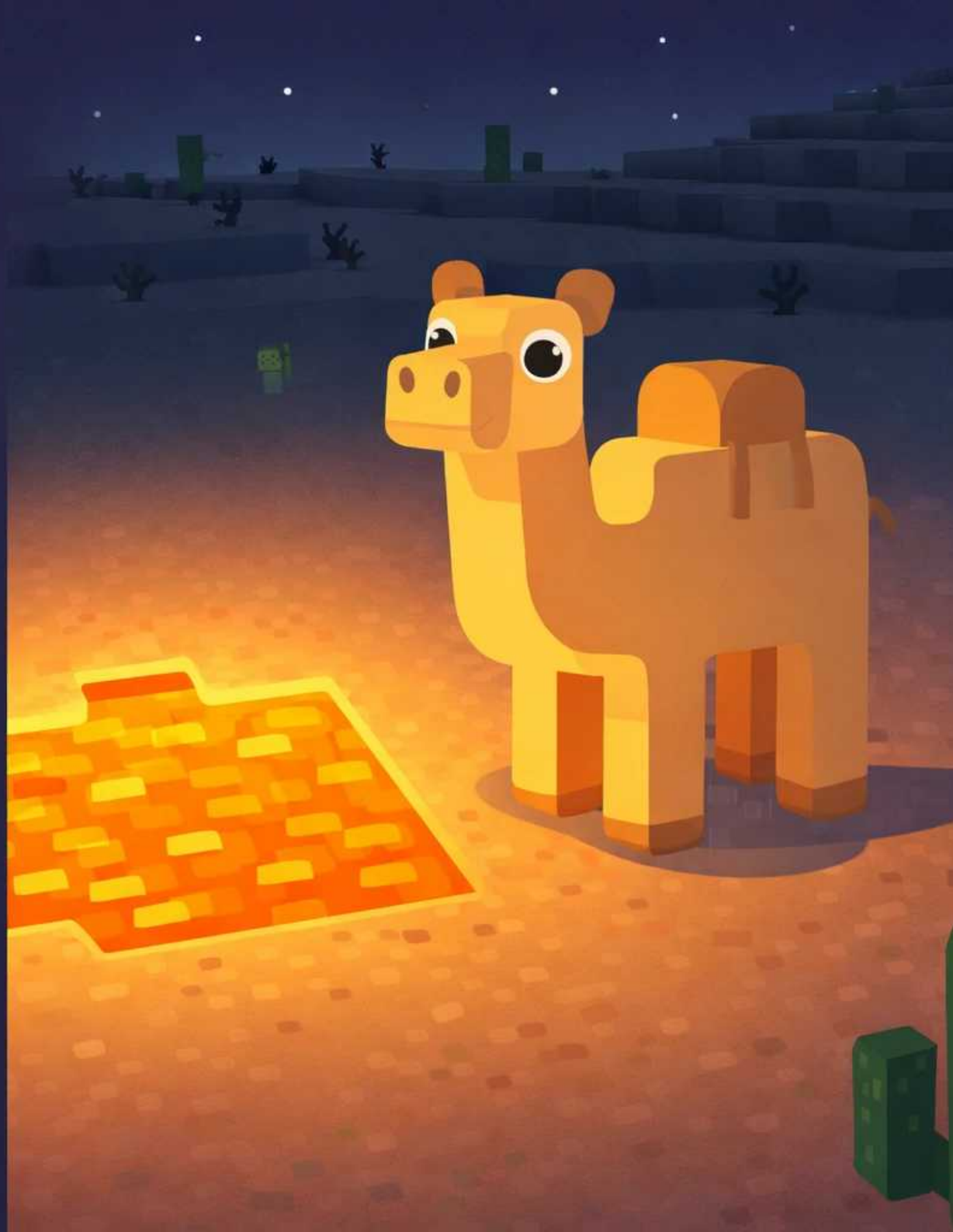
The husk naps in the sand. The rabbit naps too, and that helps it keep cool.





Sand, sand, sand,
as far as you can
see. It all looks
flat, so you can
get lost. Bring a
map on your trek,
and check it lots.

The sun sets, and
the land gets dark.
Then the desert is
not hot. It gets very
cool. Camel stands
at a hot red pit.
The pit helps Camel
keep snug and rest.





The desert has lots to see. Dig in the sand, and you can spot a pit with blocks in it.

Grand loot can sit deep in the pit. Go on, dig and check!

Rain is scant in the desert. The land is hot and dusty for a long, long span. A cactus can keep water in it. That helps it a lot in the sand.

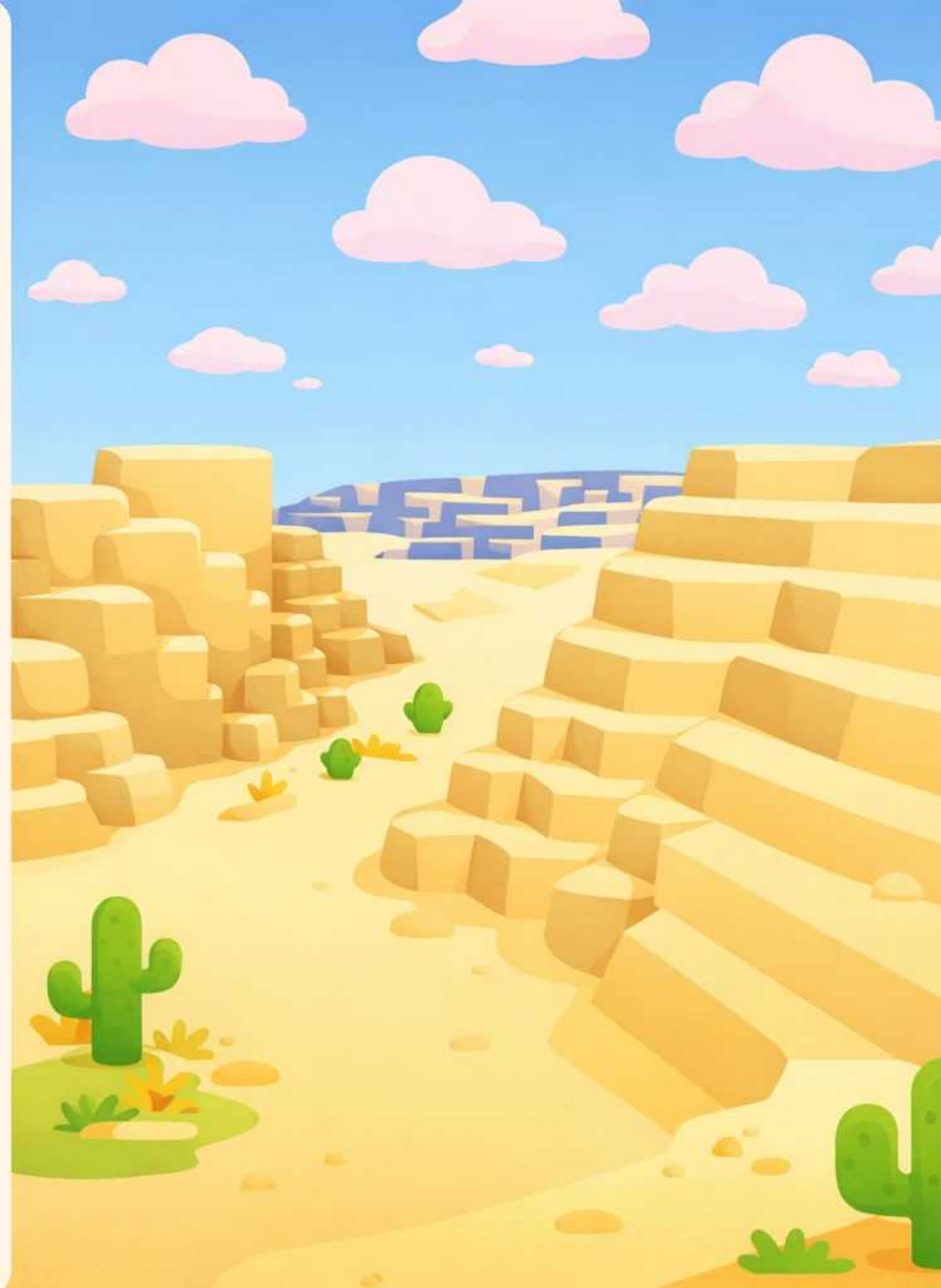




Look at all the huts!
This is a sand rock
hut, and a big
cactus stands at it.

A torch hangs on
the hut. In the
desert, you can dig
deep to get water.

The sand gets on
to the green land,
and the green land
shrinks. But we can
help. Plant a tree,
and the tree can
help stop the sand.





Big Trek in Hot Sand

A girl treks across the sun-scorched desert, watching a husk nap in the shade of a big cactus and a rabbit dart between hot sand and cool shelter. With no pond or river in sight, she must pack a bag and a jug, check her map, and plan her route carefully. What will she find as she digs through the flat, dusty land? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practices words like 'hot', 'sand', 'trek', 'plan', and 'dusty'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

and, as, at, back, bag, big, blocks, but, cactus, can, check, cling, desert, dig, dusty, flat, get, gets, hangs, has, helps, hop, hot, husk, hut, huts, it, jug, land, lost, lot, lots, map, must, naps, not, pit, plan, pond, rabbit, red, rest, rests, river, rock, run, sand, scant, sets, shelter, shrub, sit, sits, snug, span, spot, stands, stop, sun, top, trek

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