

An Unofficial Minecraft Encyclopedia

Minecraft Ecology

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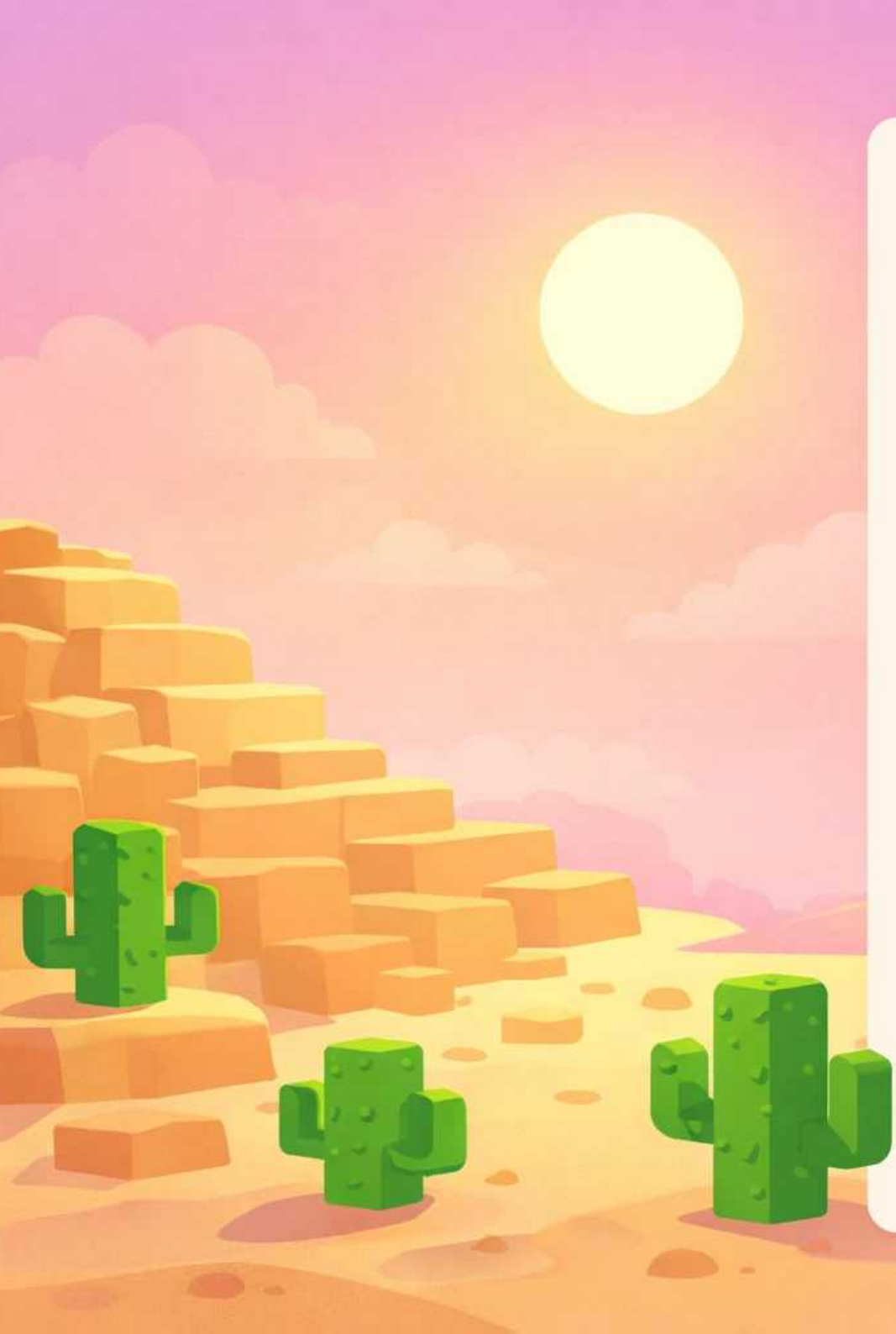




Sand and sandstone stretch as far as you can **see** in the desert. The sky is a **deep, bright** blue above the dry sand dunes. The sun **beams** hot on everything **below**. Just a cactus and dry shrubs **grow** under the hot sun. The desert is a still, dry, empty place.

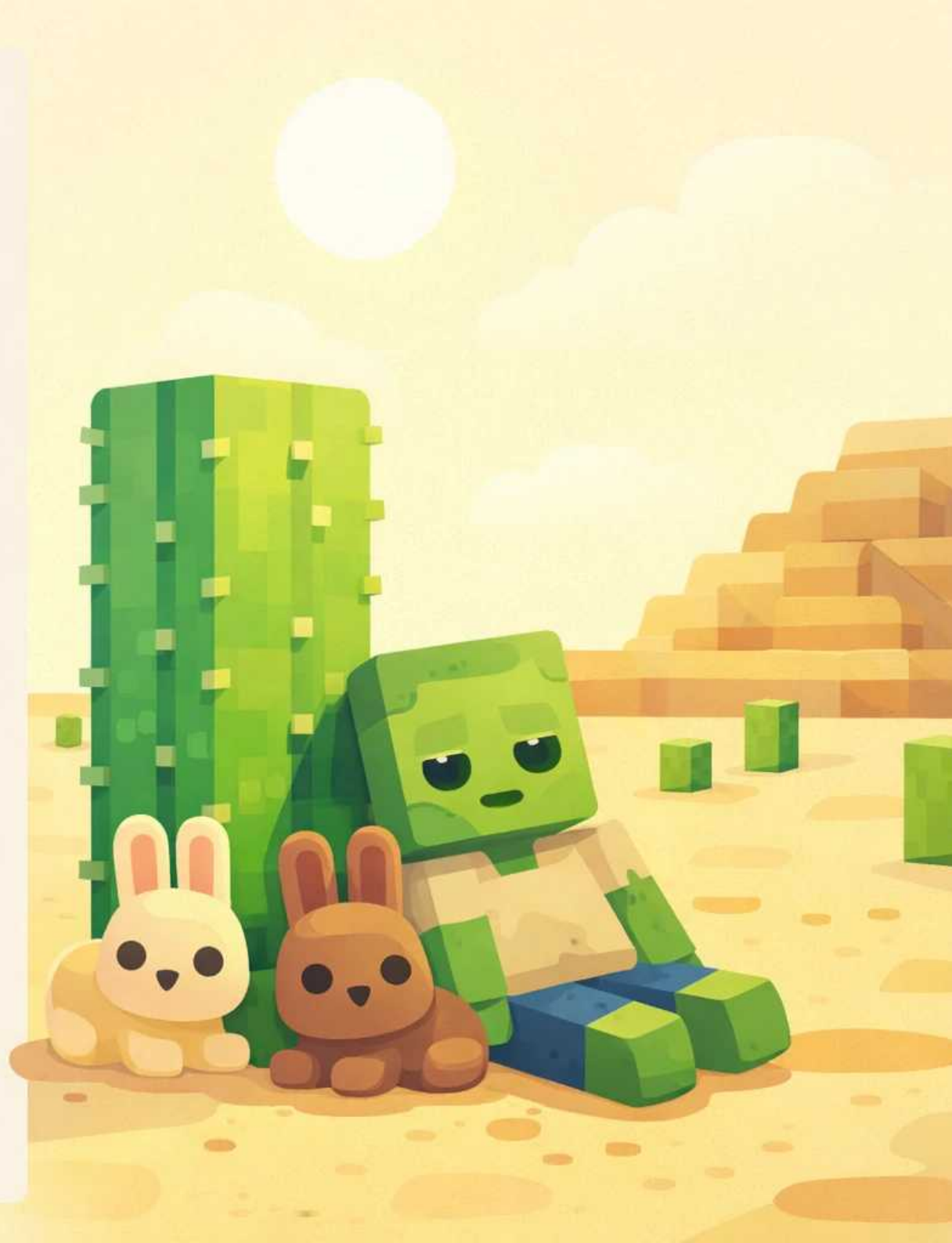
When the sun is **high**, the desert **heat** is very strong. It is so hot that everything in the desert stays still. Even the Minecraft figure stands still in the **heat** of the **midday** sun. The cactus casts thin **shadows** on the dry sand. A small rabbit in the sand stays still as well. Everything waits for the sun to set.





Water is very hard to find in a desert biome. It **may** not **rain** for **weeks**. There are no rivers, ponds, or **creeks**. With no water, it is hard to farm or live for long. The land is so dry that not many plants can **grow**. Animals and people **need** water to **stay** alive.

Desert animals find smart **ways** to **beat** the hot sun. Rabbits rest in the shade and **lie** still when the sun is at its **peak**. **Staying** still helps them use less water. The sand **may stay** very hot, but the shade helps them **stay** safe. Resting in the shade is the **way** to **stay** alive in the desert.



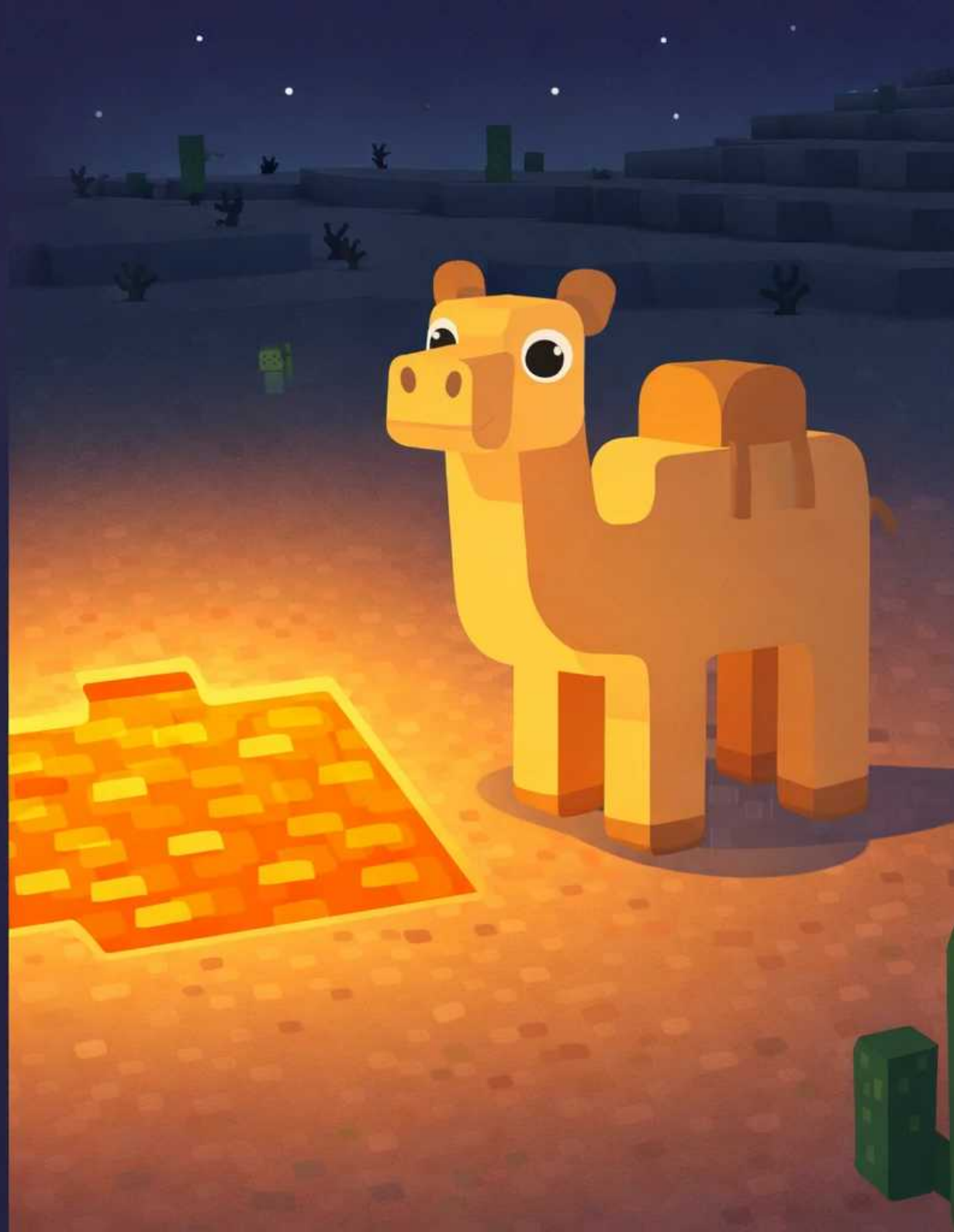


Sand stretches on and on,
and everything looks the
same. **Each** dune looks like
the last.

There are no **trees** or **roads**
to **show** you the **way**. It is
easy to get lost in the desert
biome.

Take a map before you go, or
you **may** get lost! A map will
help you find your **way** back.

When the sun sets,
the desert turns cold
fast. Camel stands
by the **glow** of the
melted rock to **soak**
up the **heat**. With no
trees or clouds, the
heat slips **away** as
night falls.





The desert is full of things to find! Fossils made of bone blocks may lie hidden below the sand. Pale stone blocks stand at the edge of a sandy pit. Hidden things may be waiting below. Dig deep and see what lies beneath!

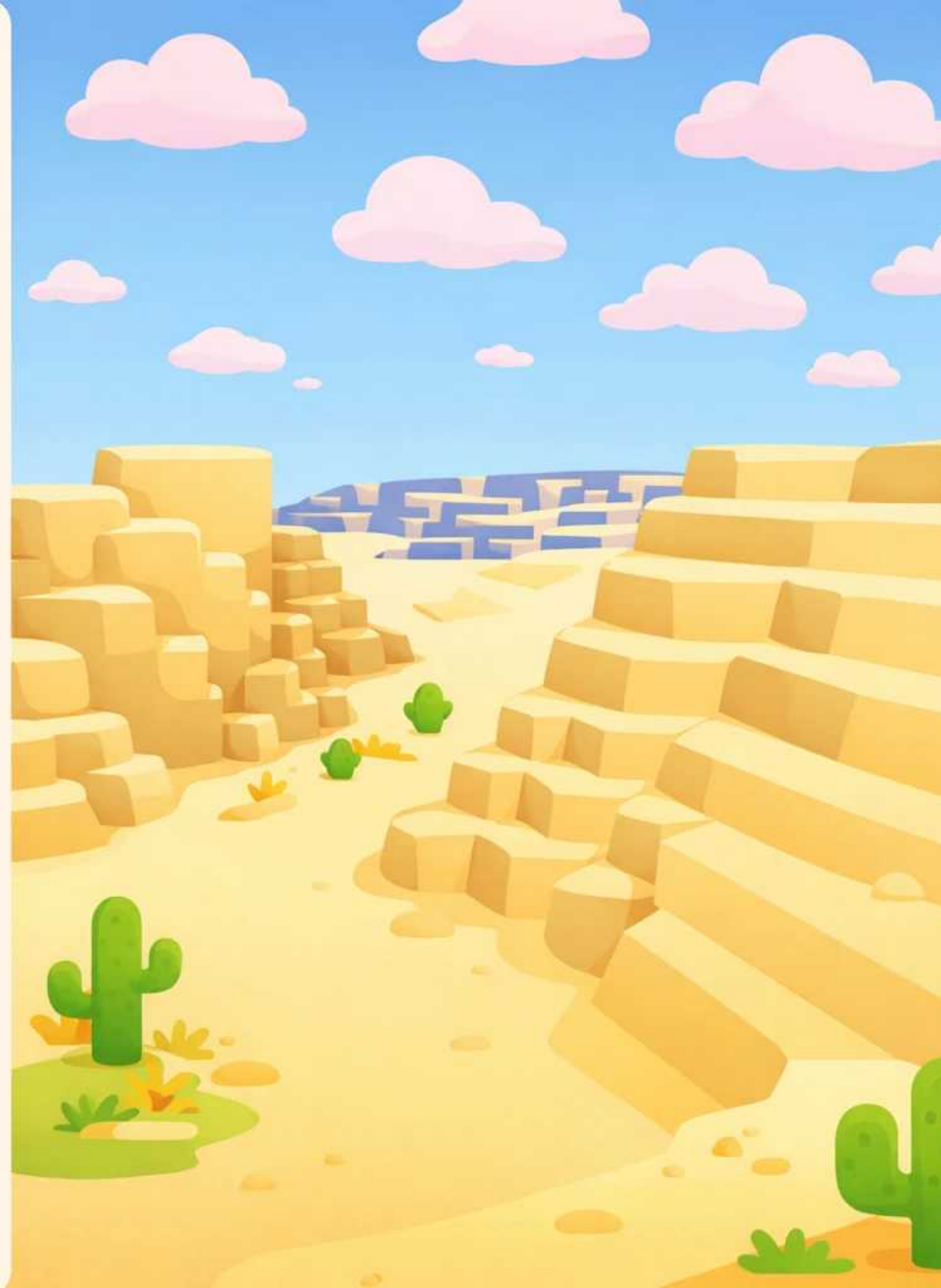
Deserts are so dry that rain may not fall for weeks and weeks. The land can stay dry for a long, long time. Every plant and animal finds a way to collect and store water. Each raindrop is a treat to keep. Every living thing must find water to survive.





People make homes in the desert, just as in Minecraft. Desert homes are made from sand, sandstone, and timber. Real desert homes have thick walls to **keep** cool and **deep** wells to find water.

The desert is **growing** bigger and bigger. When farmland gets very dry and people cut the **green** plants, the dirt turns to dust. The land gets **weak**, and the sand starts to **creep** farther and farther. Growing green plants can help bring the **green** back. They **slow** the **creeping** sand. They help the land **stay** strong.





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In the desert, the sun blazes and everything must stay still to survive the heat. A small rabbit hides in the shade while a Minecraft figure waits out the midday sun nearby. Water is scarce, the land stretches on with no roads or trees to guide the way, and even the coolest places hide surprises beneath the sand. What will it take to make it through the day alive? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 88: Vowel Teams Review 1), this book practices words like 'stay', 'heat', 'each', 'creep', 'shadow'.

Phonics Focus: Vowel Teams Review 1

away, beam, beams, beat, below, beneath, bright, creek, creeks, creep, creeping, deep, each, easy, glow, green, grow, growing, heat, high, keep, lie, lies, may, midday, need, night, peak, rain, raindrop, real, road, roads, see, shadow, shadows, show, slow, soak, stay, staying, treat, tree, trees, wait, waiting, way, ways, weak, week, weeks

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