

Outcomes



Grade 4 Unit 3

Lesson 4

Desert plants and animals.



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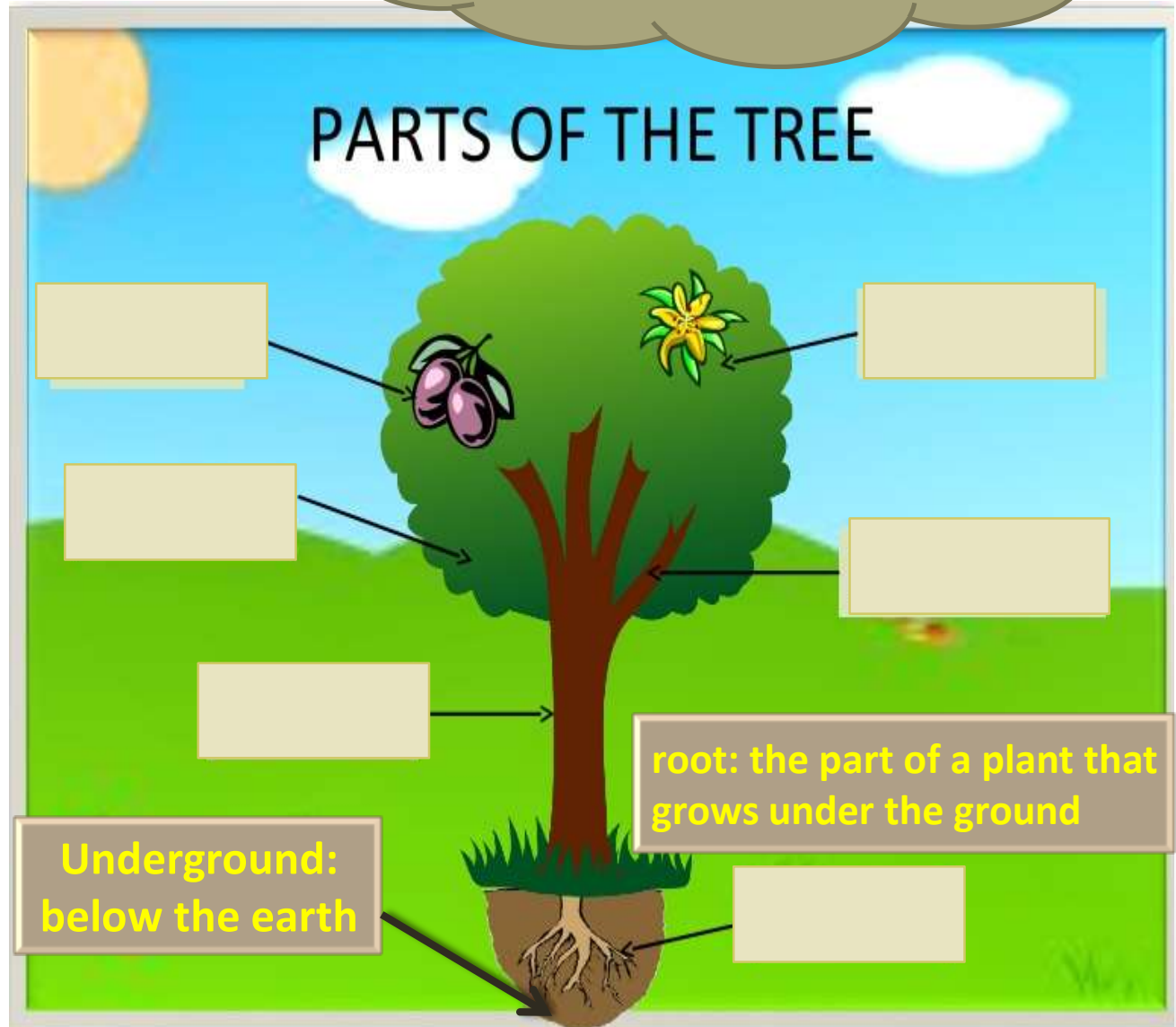


Do you know the parts of the tree?

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1 Read and listen

Have you ever seen a ghaf tree? Where?

Read and listen to find the answer to these questions.

1 Why is it difficult for plants to grow in the desert? **Because ...**

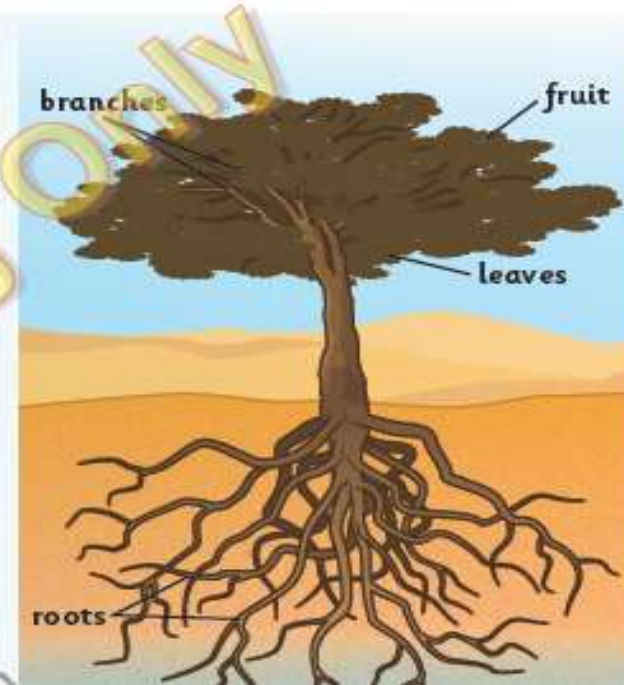
2 Why does a ghaf tree need very little water? **Because ...**



The ghaf tree

All living things need water. It is difficult for plants to grow in the desert because the desert is very dry, but some plants do grow there. One special desert plant is a ghaf tree.

Ghaf trees can live with very little water for a very long time. The tree roots are very long and find water deep underground, as deep as 30 metres. Here the roots drink up water from the sandy soil. When rain falls, the roots of the tree drink up the water very quickly.



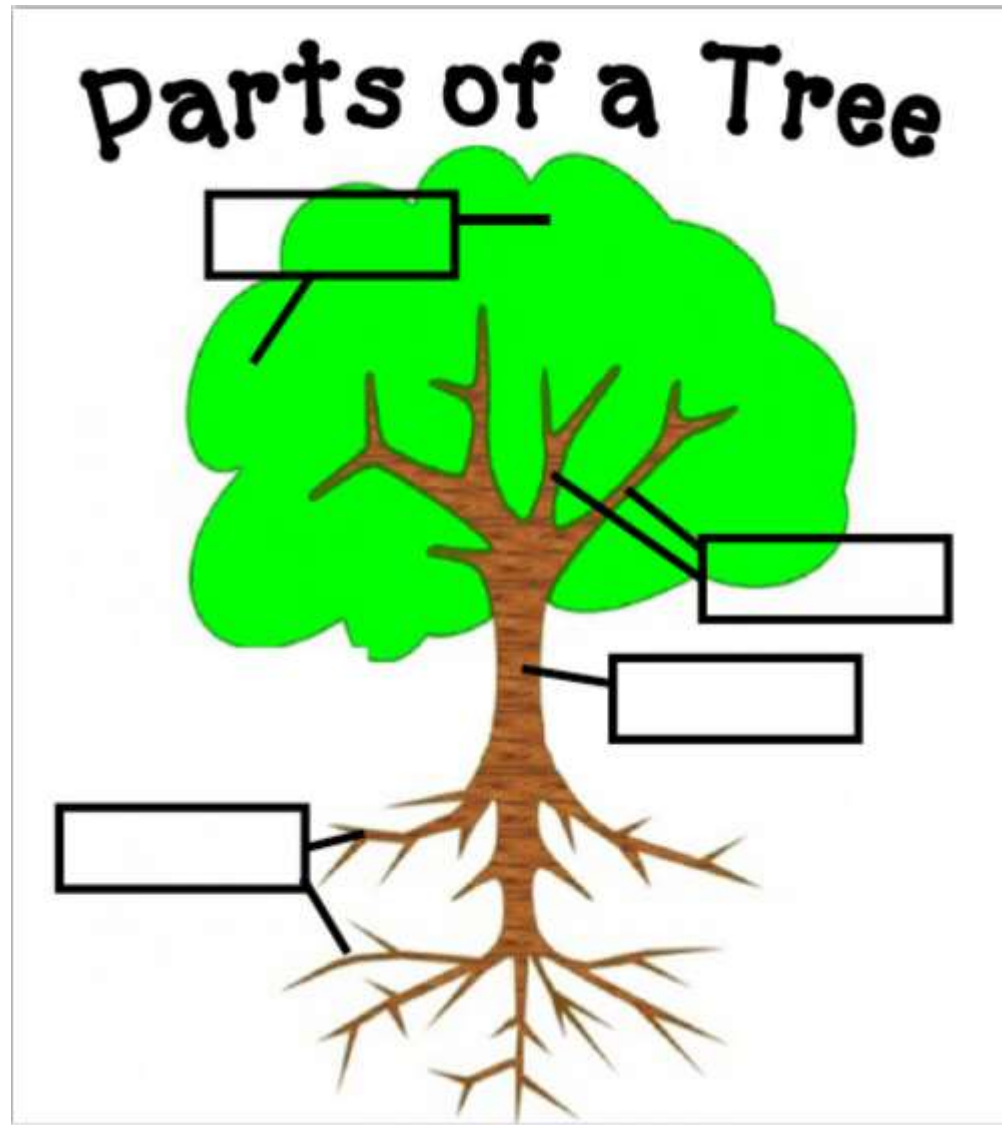
- 1- Because the desert is very dry, and plants need water.
- 2- Because its roots are very long and they find water deep underground.

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the + adjective + est

Deserts are **the hottest**.

(dry) y → iest

Deserts are **the driest**.

the most + adjective

Fennec fox is **the most** beautiful animal in the desert.

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<https://wordwall.net/resource/5736207>

2  Use of English

Complete the questions with the correct form of the word in brackets. Then try to answer the questions.

- 1 Which is the biggest continent in the world? (big)
- 2 Who is the **tallest** child in the class? (tall)
- 3 Who is the **funniest** person you know? (funny)
- 4 What is the _____ fact about deserts? (interesting)



29  3 Read and listen **most interesting**

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The desert

I love the desert,
Getting there is the **easiest** thing there is,
We just drive out the city
And there we are.
It's the **sunniest** place I know,
Sometimes I see the jerboa
Do you know it **never** drinks water,
Even on the **driest** days?
And if it's a good day I see an oryx,
Though it likes the nights,
Do you know it only sweats
When the sun is at its **hottest**?
At midday I sat under a ghaf tree in the shade,
People say it's the **strongest** plant in the desert
And you can see it everywhere there.



4 Word study

Match the adjectives 1-5 to the **-est** words in blue in the poem.

- | | | | |
|----------|------------------|--------|----------------|
| 1 strong | strongest | 4 easy | easiest |
| 2 hot | hottest | 5 dry | driest |
| 3 sunny | sunniest | | |

Vocabulary

shade: a cool, dark area out of the sun

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Answer the questions.

1 Which animal do you think is **the fastest** – an oryx, a camel or a snake?

I think **an oryx** *is the fastest.*

2 What is **the quietest** place you know?

The desert *is the quietest place I know.*

3 What do you think is **the most dangerous animal** in your country?

I think a scorpion is the most dangerous animal.

4 Who is **the happiest** person you know?

My mother is the happiest.

5 What is **the saddest** face you can draw?



Language tip

When we compare three or more things, we use **the** ____-**est**.

For longer words, we use **the most** ____.



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2 Write

Complete these spelling rules about words ending in **-est**.

When a word ends with **-y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **-est**.

happy → the happiest scary → the scariest.

When a word ends with a short vowel and one consonant, double the consonant before adding **-est**.

sad → the saddest wet → the wettest.

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