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# PLANET EARTH

## Episode #4 - Deserts

1. How much of all the land in the world do deserts cover? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Explain why the Gobi is a desert in 2-3 sentences:
3. Which is the largest desert of all and where is it (continent)?
4. As expected, what is the largest problem for animals in the deserts?
5. What allows the cacti and other life forms to survive on some of the driest deserts (what brings moisture to the plants and animals)?
6. Deserts are formed by \_\_\_\_\_,  
What kills animals in deserts is a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Give TWO examples of how elephants of the Namib Desert have adapted:
  - 1.
  - 2.
8. Why do elephants eat the roots of plants, instead of the stems?
9. Explain what the flash floods do for the lives of the animals and food chain in the desert:
10. How large can a single swarm of Desert Locusts be when they are moving?
11. **Research Question:** Deserts make up a large percentage of Earth's land, find one desert for each of the following continents:

Africa -

North America -

Australia -

South America -

Asia -

