



Nature

New Words

- **Nature vocabulary:** coyote, desert fox, desert tortoise, roadrunner, seal, scorpion, vulture, igloo, mountain, tree, hut, snow, goat, squirrel, moose, monkey
- **Prepositions:** among, at, behind, between, down, in, inside, next to, on, over, under

Getting Started

- Use a chair for this activity. Sit on it and ask, “Where am I?” Take different positions to show next to, behind, next to, over, and under. Have your child lead the activity.
- Use a box and stuffed animals to show among, between, down, inside, on, over, under, and up. Have your child lead the activity. Encourage short phrases, such as “in the box” or “among the animals.”

Practice

- Discuss how the desert is hot during the day, very dry, with lots of sand and little water. Contrast the desert with polar areas, where it is very cold, often with snow, glaciers, and bodies of icy waters nearby. Draw pictures of both areas.
- Make a list of all the animals. Sort them into the appropriate region: desert or polar.

More Fun

- Fill a dishpan or large baking pan with sand. Have your child write the animal words in the sand. Use small plastic animals or other objects to show positions as listed in the new words section, such as among, at, and behind.
- Use white glue to write a word from the desert animals, such as fox, on a piece of paper. Shake sand over word. Let it dry. Shake the extra sand back into the pan.
- Use white glue to write a word from the polar animals on a piece of paper. Let it dry.

Extra Fun

- Begin this game with clues, one at a time, such as “I’m thinking of an animal. It lives in the desert.” Continue giving clues until your child guesses the animal. This is a good way to review the words when in a car or waiting in line. Let your child lead the game.
- For a memory game, begin by saying, “On a trip to the desert, I saw a desert fox.” Have your child repeat the beginning and add another desert animal. Repeat with the animals in the snow game. On occasion, mix up the animals, such as seeing a penguin on a trip to the desert. Check to see if your child catches the mistake.

Activity

- Play a variation of “Hide and Seek.” Count to ten while your child hides someplace in the house or yard, demonstrating position using the prepositions listed above. Call out questions, such as, “*Are you in something? Are you behind something?*” Your child should answer yes or no until you find him or her.
- Take turns hiding and leading the game. Be sure you are in a safe area.

On the App

- Play the Desert and Snow games in the Nature topic of Lingokids.
- Listen to “Over in the Desert.”



Thank you!

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