

Topics and Questions

Land use in desert and near-desert regions

How does land use lead to desertification?

Would changing current land use help stop the spread of the desert?

Reclamation projects in various countries

What can we do to reclaim the desert?

What has succeeded in the past?

Native plants that delay or help reclaim desert land

What trees and plants have held back the desert?

What will grow in our climate?

Climate patterns

How does climate relate to the spread of the desert?

How is climate affected by land use?

Irrigation

How has irrigation been used to reclaim the desert for agriculture?

Can we apply the same methods?

History of the desert

Was it always a desert?

How did it spread?

What can we learn from that?

Nearby nations not, or not yet, in the desert region

How are they different?

Could they, too, be overtaken by the desert? Why or why not?