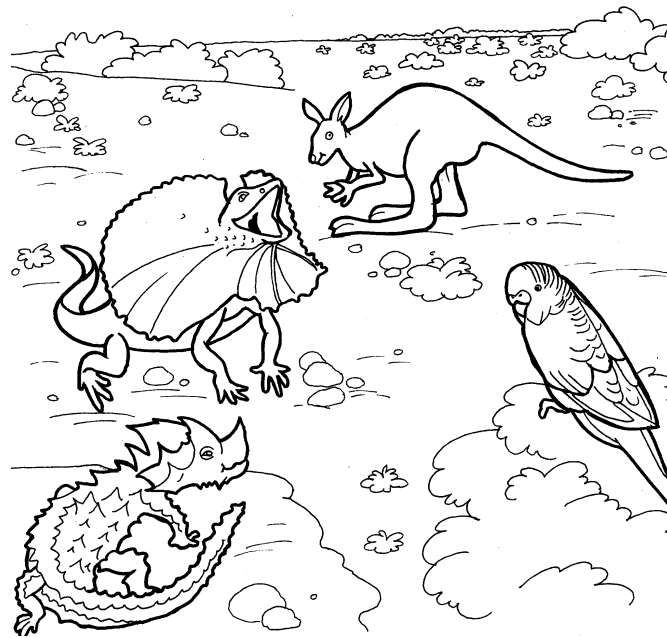


The Australian Desert

The centre of part Australia does not get much rain. The temperature is very hot for most of the year. There are not many plants. Look at the drawing and find some of the animals that live there.

Find two lizards: the frilled-neck lizard and the thorny devil. These lizards like the hot sun and survive with little water. Other animals you could see in the desert are the kangaroo and the budgerigar. They need to find creeks and water holes to get water.

Some deserts have been around for a long time, but new deserts can form because of drought or poor farming methods.



1. Draw an Australian desert scene and label the animals. The colour of the soil is reddish brown.
2. What is a desert?
3. How do the kangaroos and the budgerigars survive in the desert?
4. How can new deserts form?
5. Find out about bad farming methods that could cause a desert to form.