

Day and Night in the Desert

In desert environments, plant and animal activities are very different by day and by night.

Draw contrasting scenes representing daytime and night-time happenings in the desert.

What to do:

1. Working in pairs, tape four sheets of construction paper together on a two-by-two grid and lay out as follows:
 - a. The upper left section should be coloured white or light blue to represent daytime.
 - b. The upper right section should be coloured black or dark blue to represent night-time.
 - c. Both bottom sections should be coloured brown to represent the area immediately below ground.

White or blue	Black or dark blue
Brown	Brown

2. Label the sections 'day', 'night' and 'underground', as appropriate. In small boxes, show information such as usual daytime and night-time temperatures and average rainfall.
3. On white paper, draw animals and plants doing what they do during the day and at night. When and where do the animals sleep? When do they eat?
4. Use lines to link predators and prey and to show the relationships between plants and animals.
5. Display your finished scene in the classroom.

