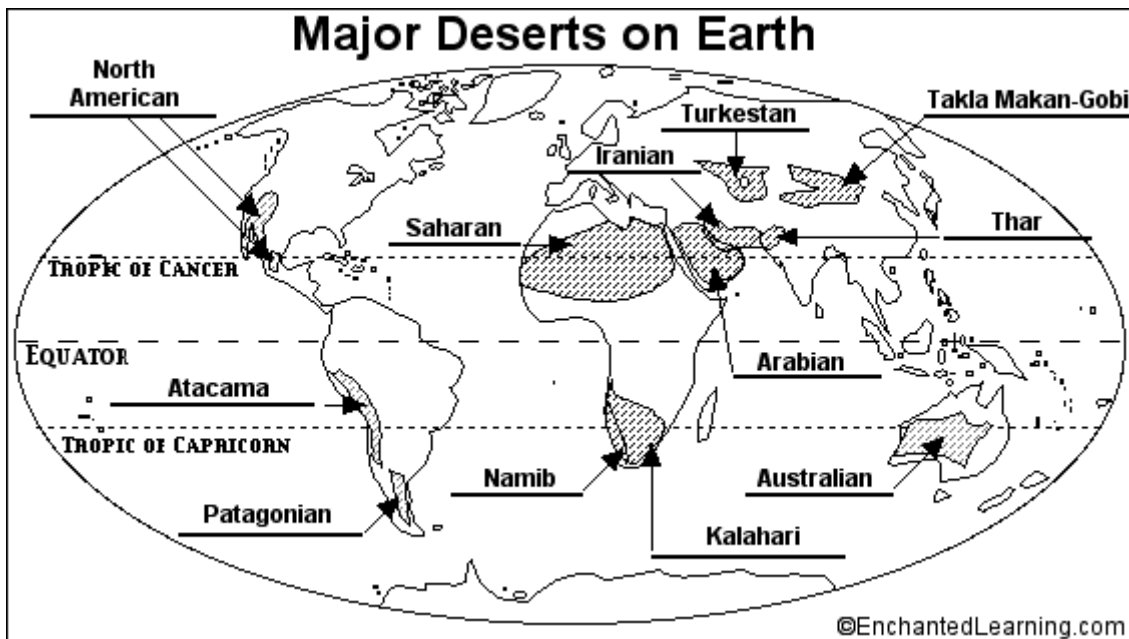


Label Desert Map

Read the definitions below, then label the major deserts on the world map.

Deserts are very dry regions with limited plant and animal life. Deserts have very little rain (not enough to compensate for evaporation of water). Deserts cover about one fifth (20 percent) of the earth's land area. The biggest desert is northern Africa's Sahara Desert.



Arabian - covering most of the Arabian peninsula.

Atacama - running down the western coast of South America.

Australian - covering much of western and central Australia.

Iranian - northeast of the Arabian peninsula and west of the Thar desert.

Kalahari - covering much of the southeastern tip of Africa.

Namib - running down the southwestern coast Africa.

North American - in southwestern North America, pin the USA and Mexico.

Patagonian - in southeastern South America.

Saharan - a huge desert covering much of northern Africa.

Takla Makan-Gobi - in eastern China.

Thar - in northwest India.

Turkestan - in southern Russia .