



Geography

Chihuahuan Desert



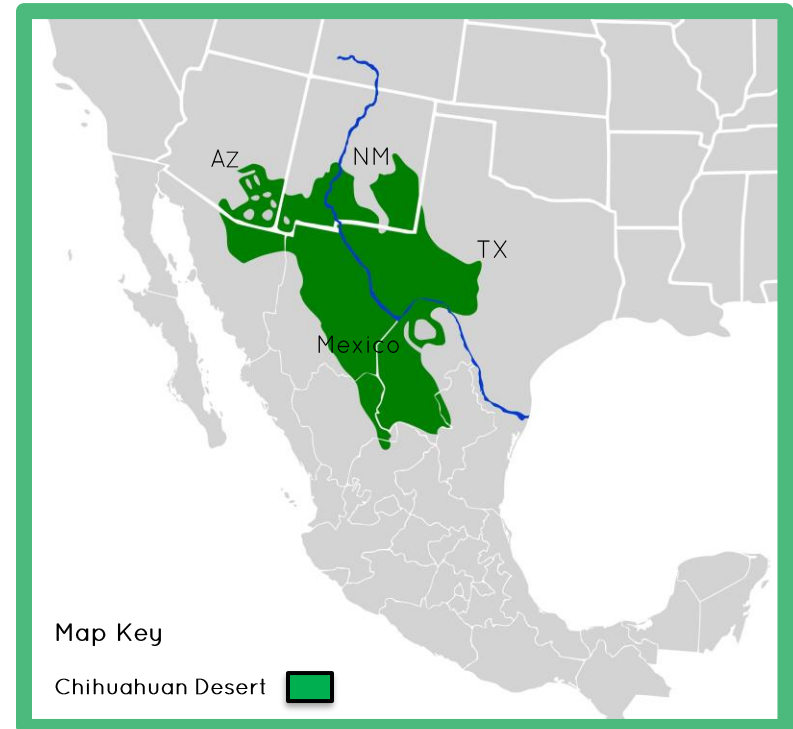
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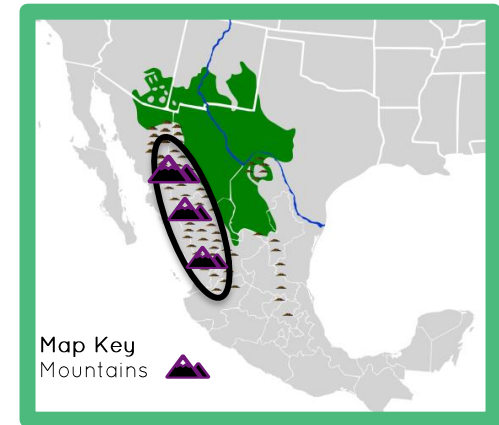
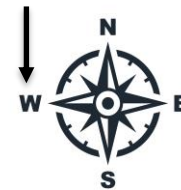
The Chihuahuan Desert is the biggest desert in **North America**.



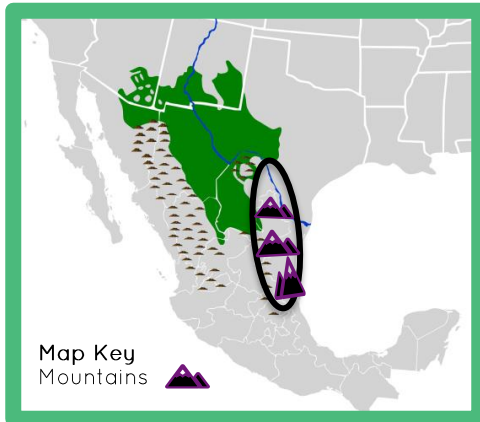
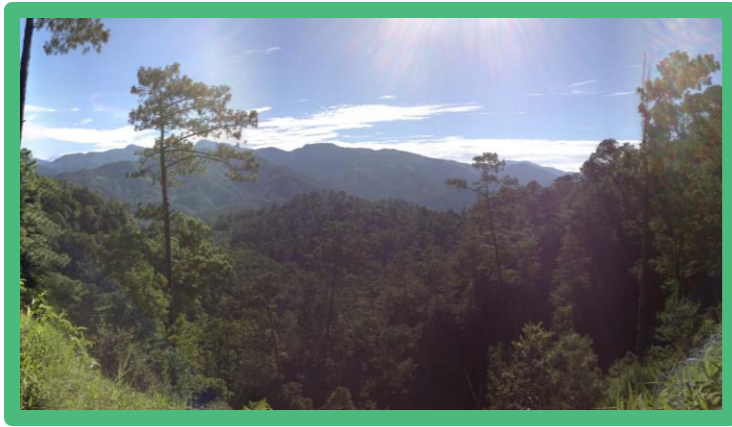
Most of the **Chihuahuan Desert** is in Mexico. It is also in parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.



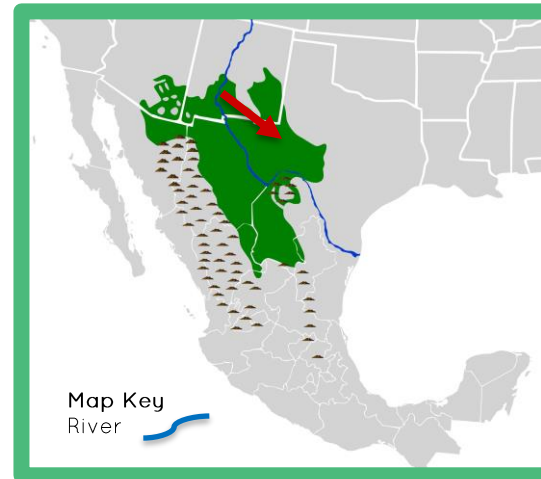
The Chihuahuan Desert is **dry**.
It does not rain very often.



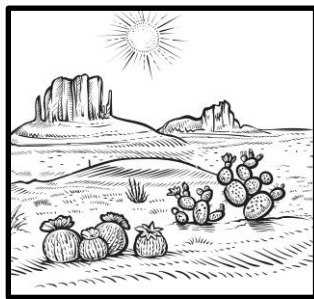
The Sierra Madre Occidental is a mountain range. It is on the **west** side of the Chihuahuan Desert. It blocks rain from the Pacific Ocean.



The Sierra Madre Oriental is a mountain range. It is on the **east** side of the Chihuahuan Desert. It blocks rain from the Gulf of Mexico.



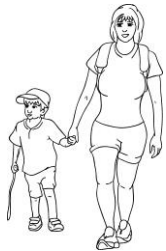
The **Rio Grande River** is in the Chihuahuan Desert. The Rio Grande runs along the border of the U.S. and Mexico.



It is hot in the Chihuahuan Desert in the **summer**.



It is cold in the Chihuahuan Desert in the **winter**. Sometimes it snows.



There are national parks in the Chihuahuan Desert. People hike and take pictures of the desert.



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