The Sharqiya Sands

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Objectives:

To understand how different species, including human beings, have adapted to life in the Sharqiya Sands region.

To know the challenges different species face in the Omani desert.

To be able to design an ultimate Sharqiya Sands species which is adapted to the region's environment

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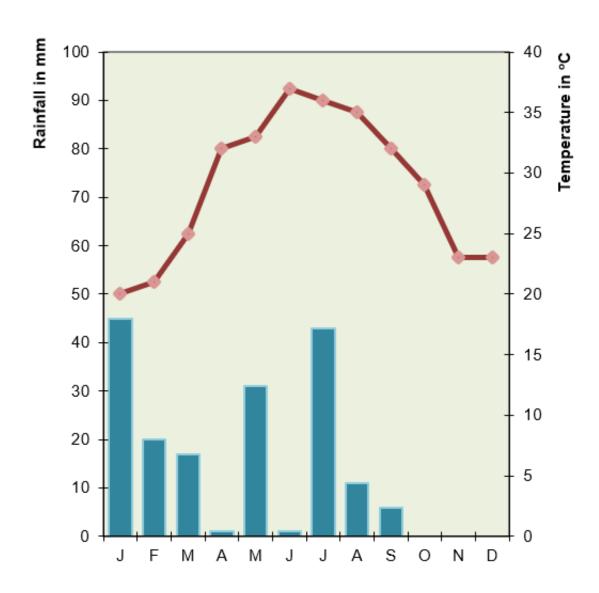
Walk around the gallery set up around the room.

From the images, try to find a set of challenges that make life difficult in the Omani desert for different species. Note these challenges down in rough.

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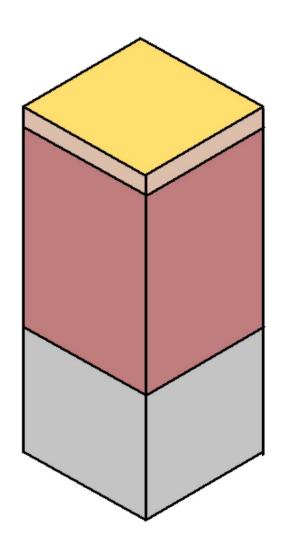
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Desert soil profile

Surface layer

Topsoil

Subsoil

Parent material

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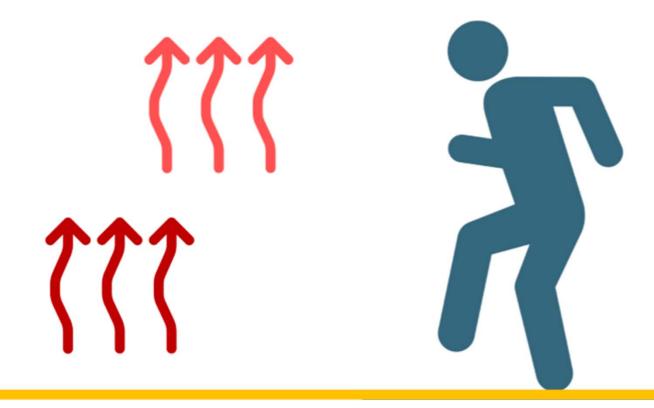
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The Sharqiya Sands region has some interesting plants and animals that have adapted to the challenges they face there.

Choose whether to study a plant or an animal and then collect the necessary resources.

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Firstly, match the description of a species' feature to an explanation of why it has that feature.

Then annotate your picture sheet with those features. You might like to use one colour for the description and a different colour for the explanation.

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What features are common to both the Ruppell's Fox and the Prosopis tree?

Think about the features you would design in an ultimate Sharqiya species. Draw your species and annotate it with your ideas.

Make sure you link each feature to one of the challenges that species face in the Sharqiya Sands.

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Study the picture you have been given connected to the Wahiba Bedouin people. Think about what it shows.

Then look at the questions on your sheet – what answers might you now be able to provide.

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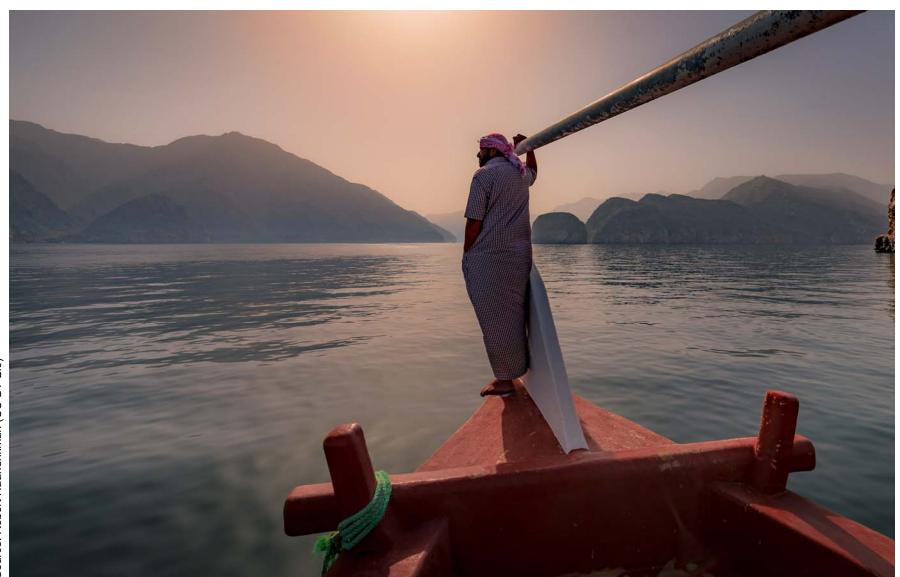


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Homework:

Read the letter from Hassan to an agony aunt.

What advice would you give him and how have you come to that decision?