



Level K • Module 2

Life

Lesson Overview

Your student is studying life in the Mojave Desert to understand why different environments have different plants and animals.

Classroom activities for this module include:

- Comparing the plants in different parts of the desert to see how the plants get the water and sunlight they need
- Investigating what bean plants need to live and grow
- Observing and learning about different animals in the desert
- Studying how humans lived in the Mojave Desert and how they used natural resources to get what they needed

Conversation Starters

Support your student's learning with these talking points:

- Point out familiar plants and animals including houseplants and pets, and talk about how they get what they need to live.
- Point out plants or animals in unexpected places, and talk about how they might be getting what they need to live.
- Talk about the ways that you use natural resources in daily life. For example, point out what foods you eat, or talk about things around the home that are made of wood or metal.

Activities

Have fun with these related activities at home:

- Visit a park or botanical garden to observe different plants. Point out how the plants have different needs for water and light.
- Safely observe and record evidence of animals getting what they need to live. For example, take pictures of a bird visiting a feeder or a squirrel eating an acorn.
- Research a favorite animal to find out what it eats.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit your local library or use an online library to explore topics related to the module, such as deserts, desert plants and animals, the Mojave Desert, and oases.



Learn more about life in the Mojave Desert by visiting <https://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm>.