

How Do People Survive in the Desert? Questions

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c. _____

d. _____

Answers

- 1) How many Bedouin people currently exist? **Approximately four million**
- 2) List four conditions that make life in the Sahara Desert “extreme”.
 1. **Lack of water**
 2. **Limited food**
 3. **Extreme heat during the day and freezing at night**
 4. **Exposure to the elements**
- 3) What does the word “Bedouin” mean? **Desert people**
- 4) Why do the Bedouin people plan their journeys so that they are always near an oasis? **This is where water comes to the surface.**
- 5) How do they collect dew? **By placing cloths over stones and plants overnight then squeezing the water from the cloths in the morning.**
- 6) How do plants, flies, birds and mosquitos help the Bedouin people? **These organisms only live near water, so looking out for them helps the Bedouin people locate water sources.**
- 7) What is their primary food source? **Camels, sheep, goats and cattle**
- 8) What does “nomadic” mean? **Someone who moves around, usually to find the best place for herded animals to graze.**
- 9) How do the Bedouin people carry all of their belongings? **They use camels to carry their belongings because camels are strong and can travel long distances with minimal food and water.**
- 10) Why do they wear woollen clothes? **To keep them warm at night.**
- 11) Why do they wear loose fitting clothes? **To allow air to circulate and cool them down during the day.**
- 12) What do the Bedouin people make their tents out of? **Goat hair**
- 13) List four benefits of these tents:
 - a. **Waterproof**
 - b. **Provide shade in the daytime**
 - c. **Warm at night**
 - d. **Shelter from wind and sandstorms**