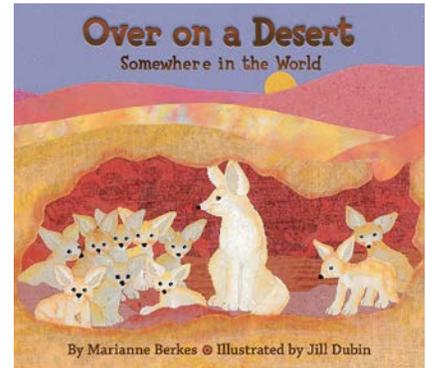


## ***Desert Animals Are Hiding***

### **Introduction**

In the book *Over on a Desert*, children are introduced to 20 desert animals—10 animals are featured and 10 are hidden in the illustrations. In this activity, children learn more about the hidden animals.

(Grades preK-2)



### **Materials**

- The book *Over on a Desert: Somewhere in the World*
- Index cards, one per student
- Glue sticks
- Handout of the 10 hidden animals identified in the back of the book.

### **Procedure**

1. Teacher Prep: Copy the Hidden Animals Handout and cut apart the animals. Glue them onto index cards. Depending upon the size of your class, two or three children may have the same hidden animal.
2. Read the book aloud, stopping on the page that shows the map of the world. Pass out the index cards.
3. Turn to the page "Who are the Hidden Desert Animals?" Ask children to identify their animal. As you read information about each animal, older students can write one fact on their card.
4. Reread the book and ask children look for their hidden animal in each illustration. Tell them that when they see their hidden animal on the page, they should hold up their index card.

Extension for older children: Point out that the author has written a paragraph about the main animals in the book, but only a line or two about the hidden animals. Have children do additional research about the hidden animals.

### **Standards Alignment**

#### **Next Generation Science (DCI K-3)**

##### *Life Science*

LS1 From Molecules to Organisms:  
A. Structures and Processes

#### **Common Core ELA (K-3)**

##### *Reading Literature*

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas: K.7, 1.7, 2.7

##### *Writing*

Research to Present and Build Knowledge: 1.7, 2.7