



G7 Hot deserts

Personal learning checklist | 1 of 1

GCSE AQA Geography 8035 | Paper 1 | Living world option - choose 1

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Tick one box for each statement. Red: need help. Amber: partly confident.
Green: can do independently.

Use the options and case studies taught by your school.

I can	Red	Amber	Green
Desert ecosystems			
Explain hot-desert climate, soils, water availability and ecosystem interdependence.	☐	☐	☐
Explain how desert plants and animals conserve water and avoid heat.	☐	☐	☐
Explain desert biodiversity and why disturbance can have lasting effects.	☐	☐	☐
Desert development			
Evaluate mining, energy, farming and tourism opportunities in a named hot desert.	☐	☐	☐
Explain heat, water scarcity and inaccessibility as desert-development challenges.	☐	☐	☐
Evaluate irrigation using water replenishment, food production and soil salinity.	☐	☐	☐
Desertification			
Explain desertification through climate change, population pressure, vegetation removal, grazing and cultivation.	☐	☐	☐
Explain feedbacks linking vegetation loss, erosion and declining soil productivity.	☐	☐	☐
Evaluate water and soil management, suitable trees and appropriate technology against desertification.	☐	☐	☐
Explain how grazing management and community participation support lasting dryland protection.	☐	☐	☐

My next revision priority _____