

## **Desert setting vocabulary**

### **Words**

Nouns: sand, dunes, horizon, heat, furnace, wind, storm

Adjectives: rocky, flat, thorny, bare, stark, barren, burning, shimmering, savage, merciless, endless

Verbs: burnt, baked, shimmered, blew, flung, whipped

### **Phrases – Nouns and Adjectives**

Land of burning sands

Sea of sand

Desert was a furnace

Stark and barren

Rocky and spiked with thorny bushes

Endless, flat horizon

Burning, merciless desert of glare and death

### **Phrases – Verbs**

Stretched as far as the eye could see

Shimmered in the heat

Baked by day and chilled by night

Wind flung the sand into their throats and eyes

Whipped up a mile-high wall of sand

Endless, flat horizon was suddenly broken by...

### **Sentences**

The desert was a furnace. It was a land of burning sands.

Huge sand dunes had been blown away by the sand storm and dumped elsewhere.

The endless, flat horizon was suddenly broken by a group of tall rock pillars like giant mushrooms.

The desert spread out before him – a sea of sand, shimmering with heat. It was a burning, merciless desert of glare and death.