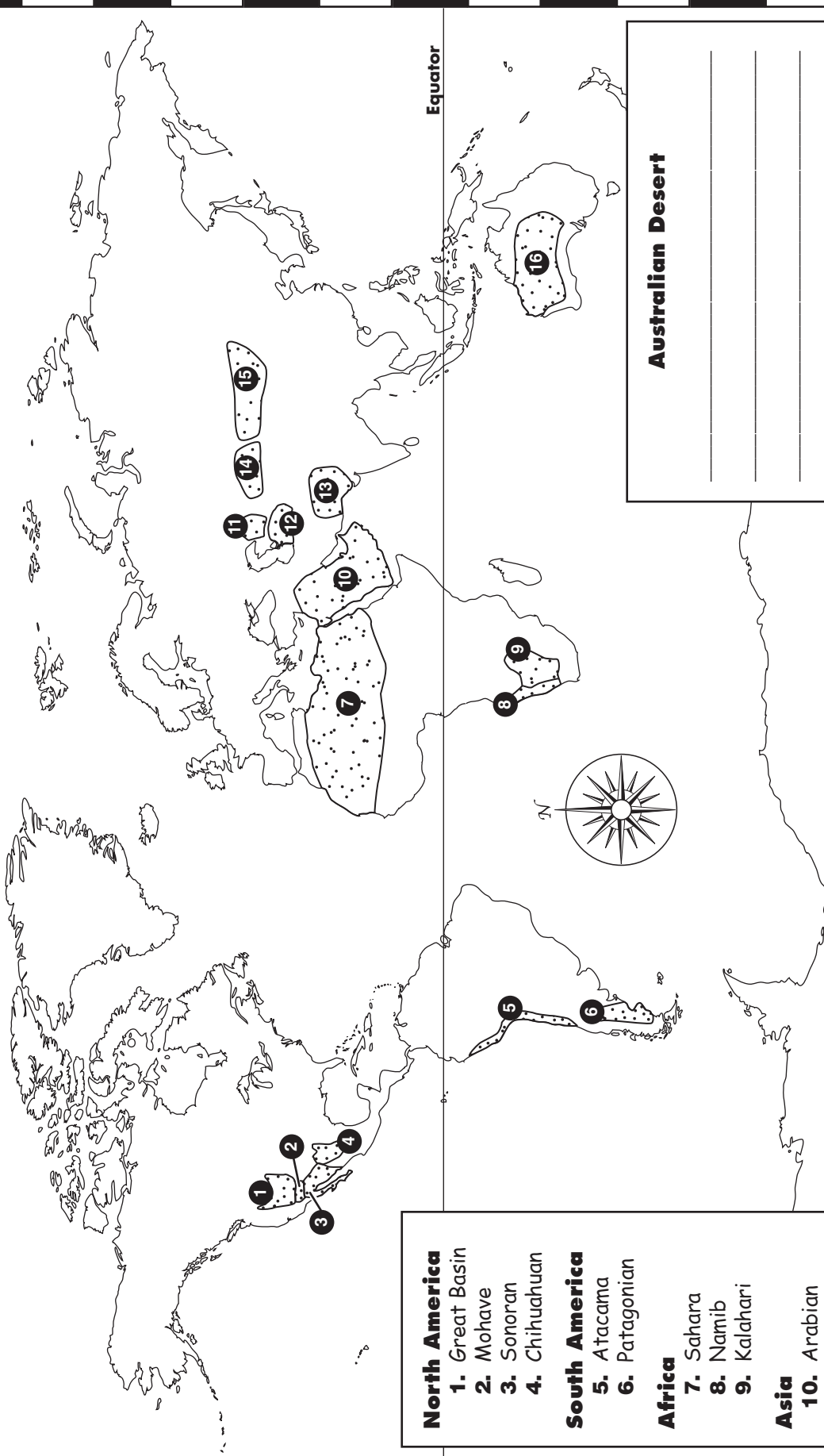


Deserts of the World



North America

1. Great Basin
2. Mohave
3. Sonoran
4. Chihuahuan

South America

5. Atacama
6. Patagonian

Africa

7. Sahara
8. Namib
9. Kalahari

Asia

10. Arabian
11. Kyzyl-kum
12. Kara-kum
13. Thar
14. Taklamakan
15. Gobi

Australia

16. Australian

Australian Desert

Deserts cover a fifth of the Earth's land surface. Deserts can be hot or cold regions, but they are all arid because they receive less than 10 inches (25 cm) of rain or snow each year. Some regions near the North and South Poles are also considered deserts because nearly all moisture in these areas is locked up in the form of ice. However, they are not included on the map.

Legend



desert



Deserts of the World

Monday

1. Which deserts are located in the Western Hemisphere?

2. Which desert is the largest in the world? In which continent is it located?

Tuesday

1. How many deserts are located in Asia? Which desert is located the farthest east in the area of China?

2. Which desert is located on the smallest continent in the world?

Wednesday

1. Do most deserts receive, on average, less than 50 inches of rain, less than 10 inches of rain, or less than 1 inch of rain each year?

2. Name four states that would be included in at least one of the North American deserts.



Deserts of the World

Thursday

1. Name the Asian desert that borders Africa.

2. Which deserts are located in Chile and Argentina?

Friday

1. Of the 16 deserts on the map, how many are located north of the equator?

2. How much of Earth's land surface is desert? Write your answer as both a fraction and a percentage.

fraction: _____ percentage: _____

Challenge

The Australian Desert actually consists of four deserts. Find out the names of these four deserts and add them to the list on the map. Use a reference physical map to help you.