

Desert Dunes

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Questions



1. What are the dunes covered in? Tick one.

- ☐ wavy patterns
☐ rippled patterns
☐ golden patterns



2. Write another way of saying **tiny**.



3. What **two** words has the author used to describe the desert floor?

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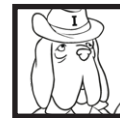
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2. Write another way of saying **tiny**.
Accept any of the following words:
small, minute, miniscule, mini.



3. What **two** words has the author used to describe the desert floor?
• **dry** • **dusty**



4. Why do you think the author has used **like a snake** in this description of the dunes?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author has used 'like a snake' in this description because the dunes move in a wavy line that looks like the shape of a snake.