

# Animals of the Chihuahuan Desert

## Related Vocabulary



**adaptation** – any change that helps a plant or animal survive in its environment

**carnivore** – an animal that eats another animal

**characteristic** – specific qualities of an animal that makes it that animal

**coarse** – a rough and thick texture

**communicate** – to talk, make noise, and listen; the sending and receiving of a message

**dew** – moisture, appearing in small droplets

**diet** – the type of food an animals eats

**distinct** – different and unique

**diverse** – showing variety; very different

**environment** – surroundings and conditions in which plants and animals live

**gland** – an organ which produces chemicals for specific functions in the body

**habitat** – place where a plant or animal normally grows or lives

**herbivore** – an animal that eats plants and what grows from the ground

**hibernate** – to spend the winter sleeping

**nutrients** – substances in food that help keep one healthy and strong

**omnivore** – an animal that eat plants and animals

**predator** – an animal that hunts and kills other animals for food

**prey** – an animal that is being hunted by other animals for food

**radiate** – to give off light or heat

**senses** – sight, hearing, smell, taste, or touch

**solitary** – being alone or living alone

**territory** – an area that an animal or group of animals live in and defend

**threatened** – to feel in danger

**venom** – a poisonous fluid that some animals, including snakes, have to defend themselves