

Bongo Bingo: Desertification

Directions: Answer each true or false question below

Questions

1. True or False: Desertification can be a natural process.
2. True or False: Deforestation is a leading cause of desertification.
3. True or False: Grazing livestock protect the soil from erosion and help prevent desertification.
4. True or False: Soil compaction and other poor cultivation practices can accelerate desertification.
5. True or False: Lake Chad in the Sahara Desert is growing larger because the desert is shrinking there.
6. True or False: Deserts can naturally expand or shrink due to natural changes in climate.

Answers

1. True

Feedback: Desertification can be natural or human-caused.

2. True

Feedback: Deforestation is a leading cause of desertification because it removes vegetation and makes the soil more vulnerable.

3. False

Feedback: Grazing animals remove vegetation, thus increasing susceptibility to desertification.

4. True

Feedback: These can expose the soil to more erosion and make it susceptible to desertification.

5. False

Feedback: Lake Chad has shrunk 97% because the desert is growing and expanding its borders.

6. True

Feedback: Deserts may expand or shrink when natural climate changes shift the wind or alter the amount of rainfall, etc.