

Review questions on desert processes and landforms

1. Explain the 10 factors that are important in the shaping of arid landforms. (Use back of page)
2. What is an arroyo?
3. What is a playa?
4. What is the difference in a mesa and a butte?
5. Explain the origin of "desert pavement."
6. What is loess?
7. What agent of gradation creates MOST desert landforms?
8. What is an "exotic stream"?
9. What is an alluvial fan? How is it different from a delta?
10. Compare the capacity and competence of wind and water.
11. What kind of sediment "loads" does wind carry?