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Desert Decisions

Characters don't act the same in every place. The **setting**, whether it's a stormy night, a noisy street, or a quiet forest, pushes them to behave differently. Good readers can explain how the **environment shapes the character's choices**.

Directions: Read the passage below then answer the questions.

The desert sun blazed overhead as Luis walked across the endless sand dunes. His water bottle was almost empty, and each step felt heavier than the last. The air shimmered with heat, and the wind blew sand against his face. Spotting a small patch of shade beneath a lone cactus, Luis hurried toward it, eager for a moment of rest.

1. What is the setting in this passage?

2. What actions does Luis take in this setting?

3. How does the desert environment influence Luis's choices?

4. Imagine Luis were in a snowy forest instead of a desert. How might his actions be different?