

ANIMALS OF THE DESERT

# Bighorn Sheep





Note to Librarians, Teachers, and Parents:

**Blastoff! Readers** are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

**Level 1** provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

**Level 2** offers early readers a bit more challenge through varied simple sentences, increased text load, and less repetition of high-frequency words.

**Level 3** advances early-fluent readers toward fluency through increased text and concept load, less reliance on visuals, longer sentences, and more literary language.

**Level 4** builds reading stamina by providing more text per page, increased use of punctuation, greater variation in sentence patterns, and increasingly challenging vocabulary.

**Level 5** encourages children to move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" by providing even more text, varied writing styles, and less familiar topics.

Whichever book is right for your reader, Blastoff! Readers are the perfect books to build confidence and encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime!

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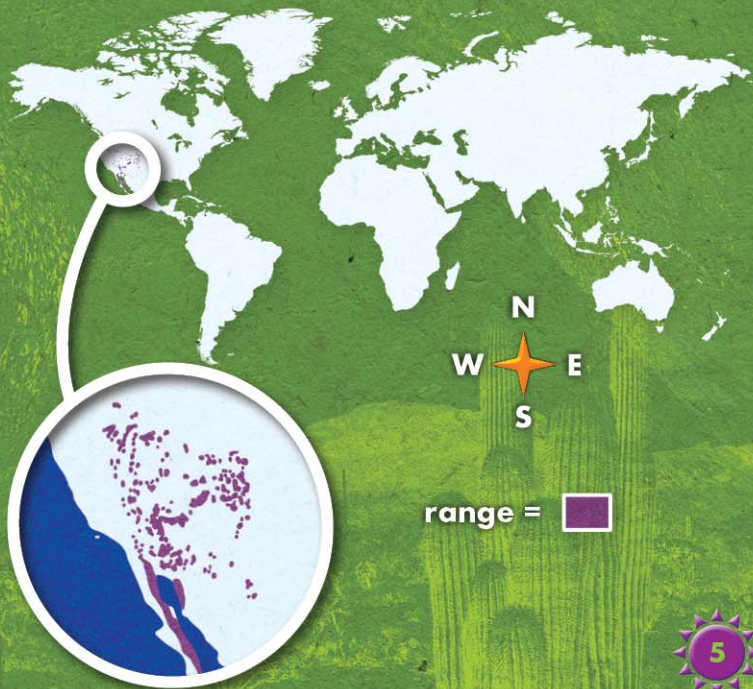
## Life in the Desert



Desert bighorn sheep live in the deserts of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico.

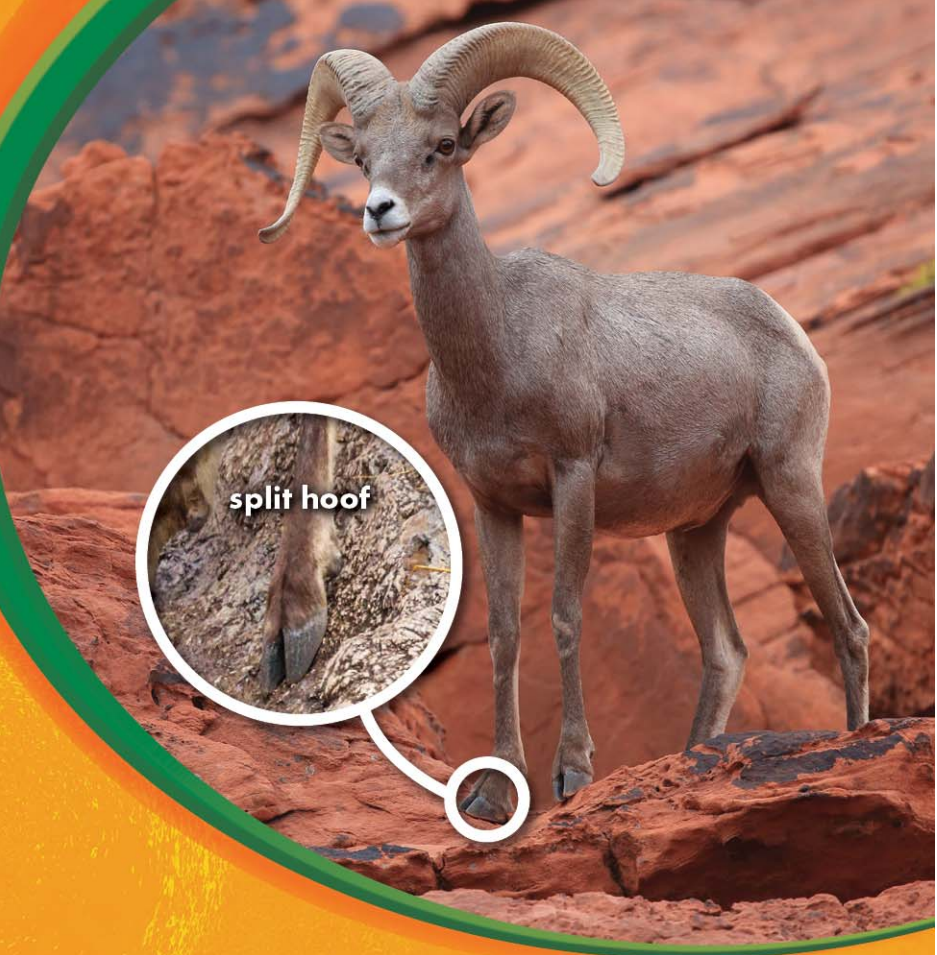
They are built for this hot  
and rocky **biome**.

## Desert Bighorn Sheep Range



Bighorns have good eyesight.  
They can spot **predators**  
many miles away.





Their padded **split hooves** let them easily climb rough ground to escape.

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