



# SAND AND DUNES

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# IN THIS LESSON YOU ARE GOING TO:

- ❑ **revise** the content of the previous lessons
- ❑ learn how to work with **nominalisation**
- ❑ **create** and **discuss** diagrams
- ❑ **practise** question forming
- ❑ discuss **sand**, **dunes** and other hot issues!

# LISTEN AND WRITE NOTES

## WHAT IS SAID ABOUT:

- grains of sand
- crescent shape
- barchans
- dead plants, animals and seeds
- beetles
- amount of moisture
- senses
- the adder

# INFLUENCED, MODIFIES, INTERFERES, TRANSFORMING, INTERACT, MOVING, TRANSFER, REMOVES, RESULT, TURN, CONSEQUENCES, CAUSING

When the wind blows over the desert floor, its flow is \_\_\_\_\_ by the nature of that surface, its roughness on all scales. Such surface roughness \_\_\_\_\_ with the smooth flow of air, \_\_\_\_\_ disturbances in the air and currents. These in turn \_\_\_\_\_ with the sand grains on the surface, which may be moved along or temporarily kicked up by the wind, which \_\_\_\_\_ its movement – a constant interaction between the wind and the grains. The act of \_\_\_\_\_ sand grains \_\_\_\_\_ energy from the wind and transfers it to the grains, which, crashing into their colleagues, \_\_\_\_\_ that energy in \_\_\_\_\_ to them. The \_\_\_\_\_ is that close of the ground surface, where most of the action is going on, the wind speed is reduced.

## WORD FORMATION - NOMINALIZATION

When the wind blows over the desert floor, its flow is **influenced** by the nature of that surface, its roughness on all scales. Such surface roughness **interferes** with the smooth flow of air, **causing** disturbances in the air and currents. These in turn **interact** with the sand grains on the surface, which may be moved along or temporarily kicked up by the wind, which **modifies** its movement – a constant interaction between the wind and the grains. The act of **moving** sand grains **removes** energy from the wind and transfers it to the grains, which, crashing into their colleagues, **transfer** that energy in **turn** to them. The **result** is that close of the ground surface, where most of the action is going on, the wind speed is reduced.

# VOCABULARY

to accumulate

obstacle

dune

to generate

cross beds

winward side

slip face

ripples

to absorb

windblown

actual

velocity

consistency

abundant

scarce

barchan dune

transverse dune

parabolic dune

longitudinal dune

to condense

to compress

leeward air

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