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Drought

What is a drought?

A drought is a temporary water shortage that can occur when an area doesn't get as much rain as usual.

Why do droughts happen?

Droughts happen when there is not enough rain for a long period of time and the dams holding too much of the water. Or the wind isn't strong enough to carry water vapour.

Which areas of the world are prone to drought and why?

The areas that are near a big lake or an ocean are more likely to get more rain than areas without lakes or oceans. Droughts happen in the Morocco where the Sahara Desert covers a lot of the country, Uganda, Somalia and Iran.

What effects do droughts have on people?

Drought can kill hundreds, thousands or even millions of people because of starvation or thirst.

What effects do droughts have on the environment?

Peoples crops will get dry and stop growing and forests an set on fire.