

**Key Text**

Book: Meerkat Mail  
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**Plot**

Sunny the meerkat lives with his enormous family in the Kalahari desert. They are all very close . . . so close, in fact, that one day Sunny decides he's had enough and packs his bags. He's off to visit his mongoose cousins. But from the watery world of the Marsh Mongoose to the nocturnal lifestyle of the Malagasy Mongoose, Sunny just doesn't fit in. But who's that shadowy figure who seems to be following him around?

**Characters**

**Sunny**



**Jackal**



**Mongoose**



**Setting:** Sunny Lives in the Kalahari Dessert in Africa, where it is very hot and dry. We live in Europe in the UK and Sunny lives in the desert on the African continent. Sunny visits many different places on his travels, can you find out more about one of these places?



**What is an desert habitat?**



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**Key Vocabulary**

**Desert**



A desert is a large area, mostly covered with sand that is very dry and very hot.

**Mongoose**

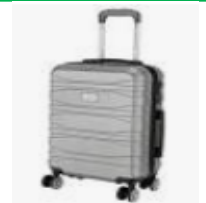


A mongoose is a small mammal. They are usually found in Africa and some parts of South Asia.

**Relatives**

Family that are related to you. In this story the Mongoose family are related to the Meerkat family.

**Suitcase**



A case with a handle used to carry clothes and personal belongings.

**Text type:** Fiction / Non Fiction / Poetry

**Genre: Fiction**

The 7 Story Types

- 1.) Overcoming the enemy
- 2.) Rags to Riches
- 3.) The Quest
- 4.) **Voyage and Return**
- 5.) Comedy
- 6.) Tragedy
- 7.) Rebirth

**Genre: Non-fiction**

- 1) Biography
- 2) Autobiography
- 3) Recount
- 4) Instructions
- 5) Report
- 6) Explanation
- 7) Persuasive
- 8) Discussion

**Genre: Poetry**

- 1) Acrostic
- 2) Cinquain
- 3) Free Verse
- 4) Haiku
- 5) Limerick
- 6) Narrative
- 7) Nonsense
- 8) Shape
- 9) Sonnet

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