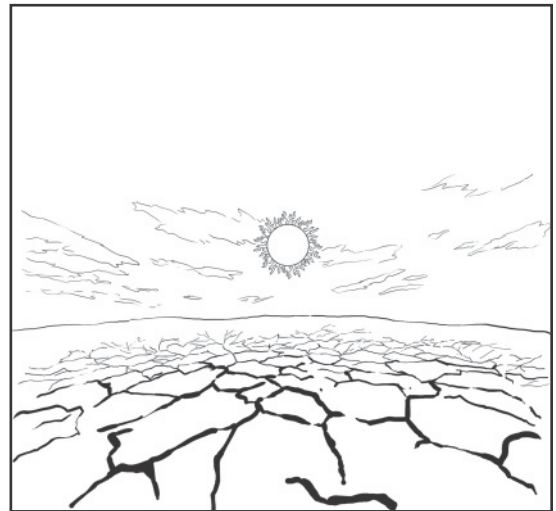


# What Is a Drought?

**Did You Know?** A drought is a long period of dry weather. Because plants and animals depend on water, a drought can destroy important habitats. Sometimes droughts create long-lasting problems for animals and their environments.

A drought can also help some animals and plants. Droughts can dry out wetlands. When wetlands dry out, plants and animals can start life in newly enriched soil.



The students of a Grade 3 class decided to track the annual number of days without rainfall in some cities. See the data in the table to the right.

**Days Without Rain**

	2012	2013
Las Vegas	337	333
Phoenix	325	322
Albuquerque	306	286

- How many days were without rainfall in Phoenix in 2012 and in 2013? Draw a bar diagram to represent and solve the problem.
- During the 2 years, did Las Vegas or Phoenix have more days without rain? Explain.

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- Extension** Use place value to find the total number of days without rain in Albuquerque in 2012 and 2013. Show your work.

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