

New Mexico Cloze Reading for Grades 4-6

Name _____

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

White Sands National Monument is an area of the Tularosa Basin in southern New Mexico that _____ a 275 square mile field of white sand with gypsum crystals. Gypsum in the form of sand is _____ rare because it is water soluble and is usually dissolved by water and _____ into the sea. However, because the Tularosa Basin has no outlet to the sea, the gypsum _____ trapped in the sand and sinks to the ground or forms _____ pools that dry out, _____ the gypsum in a crystalline form called selenite on the _____. Because the gypsum in the sand does not trap heat, visitors can walk on the surface _____ burning their feet.

Words:

carried
extremely
features
leaving
surface
remains
without
shallow