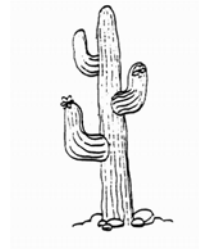


Desert Plants

Read each passage about desert plants and answer the questions.

1. The **saguaro cactus** grows in the sonoran desert.
It can grow to be sixty feet tall.
The **saguaro cactus** is a very slow growing plant.

Where does the saguaro cactus grow?



2. The **palo verde tree** is Arizona's state tree.
The **palo verde** tree blossoms in May and June with tiny yellow flowers.
It is a very pretty tree.

What is the state tree of Arizona?



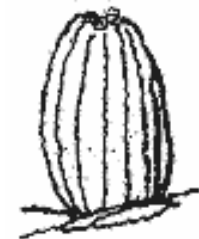
3. The **pincushion cactus** is a low growing cactus shaped somewhat like a pincushion.
It looks as if it has pins sticking out of it.
The **pincushion cactus** produces fruit that is red, green or yellow.

What animal could you call a pincushion animal?



4. The **barrel cactus** does not grow very tall.
Inside the **barrel cactus** is a substance that is the source of cactus candy.
The **barrel cactus** is sometimes called the compass cactus.

What can be made from a **barrel cactus**?



5. The **yucca plant** is a very versatile plant.
The roots can be pounded and soaked then used to make shampoo.

What is one product that comes from the yucca plant?



desert plants answer key

1. The **saguaro cactus** grows in the sonoran desert.
2. The **palo verde tree** is the state tree of Arizona.
3. A porcupine is like a pincushion cactus **pincushion cactus**.
4. Candy can be made from the **barrel cactus**.
5. Shampoo is a product that can be made from the **yucca plant**.