

# 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?  
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2. The **palo verde tree** is the state tree of Arizona.  
The **palo verde** tree blossoms in May and June with tiny yellow flowers.  
It is a very pretty tree.



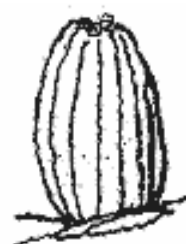
What is the state tree of Arizona?  
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3. The **pincushion cactus** is a low growing cactus shaped somewhat like a pincushion.  
It looks as if it has pins sticking out of it.  
The **pincushion cactus** produces fruit that is red, green or yellow.



What animal could you call a pincushion animal?  
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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**?  
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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 you can make from the yucca plant?  
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1. The **saguaro cactus** grows in the Sonoran Desert.
2. The **palo verde tree** is the state tree of Arizona.
3. A porcupine is one animal you could liken to a pincushion cactus.
4. Candy can be made from the **barrel cactus**.
5. Shampoo is a product that can be made from the **yucca plant**.