

Read the letter that Jeremy wrote to his grandmother. Then complete the picture using information about the Sonoran Desert you learned from his letter.

Dear Grandma,

I am enjoying my trip to the Sonoran Desert.

Today, a group of us put on our wide brim hats, sunscreen, and cool clothing and went on a nature hike. We had a wonderful time and saw many unique plants and animals. The Saguaro cactus is unique to this area and can live for 200 years! I must admit, I was a little nervous when we ran into a rattlesnake. Although I have not seen one on our travels, I learned that the Gila Monster is not a monster at all, but one of only two venomous lizards in the world.

Grandma the best part of my hike was when I got to sit and watch a desert tortoise that was eating a prickly pear cactus flower near a creosote bush. I was careful not to touch him and was surprised that he allowed me to come so close to him.

We were told not to go picking up rocks or putting our hands where we could not see. Our guide did not want anyone stung by a scorpion. Thankfully, the only scorpions I have seen have been in a cage at the ranger station!

I am anxious to show you all of my photographs and tell you about the interesting things I have learned about the Sonoran Desert.

Love,
Jeremy



The Sonoran Desert