

## 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 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_



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 you can make from the yucca plant?  
\_\_\_\_\_

