

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?

