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- Underline the simple subject in each sentence. Then circle the verb that agrees with the subject.
 - In southwestern Texas (grow, grows) many kinds of cacti.
 - More like the small, round cactus than one of her invaluable sewing tools, Grandmother's pincushion (stand, stands) guard at her elbow.

- Circle the words that are synonyms for **prickly**.

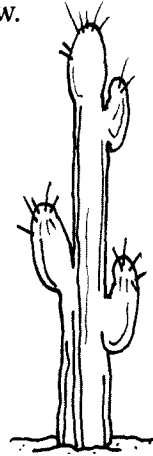
thorny	briery	troublesome
tolerant	stinging	remorseful

- Identify the literary device.

The chollas grow out of the desert like enormous candelabra.

- Edit the following sentence.

their are about sixtie of the three thousand cactus species growwing in west texas



- Summarize the information in this paragraph in one or two sentences.

Like other succulents, cacti are well-adapted to life with little precipitation. For example, the leaves have evolved into spines; which, in addition to allowing less water to evaporate through transpiration than regular leaves, helps the cactus defend itself against water-seeking animals. Photosynthesis is carried out by enlarged stems, which also store water. The roots are often extensive and close to the surface of the ground, another adaptation to infrequent rains.

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- Circle things one could expect to find in a **bajada**.

Bajadas are shallow slopes that lie at the base of rocky desert hills, where materials from weathering rocks accumulate.

boulders	stones	rushing water
gravel	sand	lichen and moss

- Underline the prepositional phrase(s).

Each aureole on the pincushion cactus has three straight central spines and a cluster of radial spines that cover the cactus.

- Correct the spelling.

The barrell cactus, feircely armed with heavy spins, is one of the largist cacti of the North American desserts.

- Which words would be on the dictionary page with the guide words **rattlesnake** and **rayon**?

raven rawhide razor rational ravine

- Choose the complete sentence.

a. Two plants which for most of the year have photosynthetic stems instead of leaves: the ocotillo and the foothill palo verde.

b. Even so, all of these plants are specifically adapted to withstand periods of drought.