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- List three meanings of the word **stock**. Include at least one verb and one noun.
- Identify the literary device used in the sentence.

I hiked hither and yon that day from a hummock of limestone to a hill of gypsum, each of which harbored its own bank of cactus.

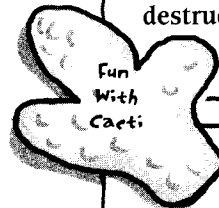
- Add a **y** or an **e** or both to complete each word correctly.

sting__ troll__ rall__ air__ subtl__

- Which resource would you use to locate the range and habitat of the barrel cactus?
 - atlas
 - encyclopedia
 - periodical guide
 - thesaurus

- Write several sentences to compare the two passages.

In battle array, with heavy spines covering prominent ribs and a chapeau of red petals, the Ferocactus stands alone in the shadow of a canyon wall. In times past Native Americans sought him out, coveting his red petals, spines, and pulp. Today, protected from destruction by environmentalists, he waits quietly at the edge of the desert wash.



The barrel cactus, Ferocactus, grows along desert washes, graveled slopes, and beneath desert canyon walls. It has heavy spines covering its prominent ribs. Its red flowers always grow at the top of the plant and can be boiled in water and eaten like cabbage or mashed for a drink. Today the species enjoys a protected status in many areas.

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- Add commas to make the meaning clear.
The edible red pulp of the organ pipe cactus can be eaten as is made into jelly or fermented into a beverage.
- The organ pipe cactus is found in a small area of the Sonoran Desert ranging from southwestern Arizona to western Sonora, Mexico. Would you consider this particular cactus **prevalent** or **confined**?
- Write **who** or **whom** to complete the sentences.
 - _____ would eat candy made from a cactus?
 - To _____ is the spiny branch most dangerous?

- Write an interesting sentence on the flowers of the organ pipe cactus. Include these details:
 - lavender-white
 - 2 inches long
 - night-blooming in May–July
 - grow laterally near the apex of the stems

- The name *pincushion cactus* is a metaphor. The round cactus resembles the cushion in which a seamstress sticks pins. Look at the pictures of the cacti below and give each a metaphorical name.

