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Cactus homes

There are few trees in the Sonoran Desert, so the gila woodpecker makes its nest in a cactus stem. It will use the nest for just one year, before moving on.

Where does this bird make his home?

A look at reptiles

From lizards to snakes to tortoises, many reptiles have successfully adapted to living in the Sonoran Desert.

Name some reptiles?



Gila monster This is one of the world's two venomous lizards.

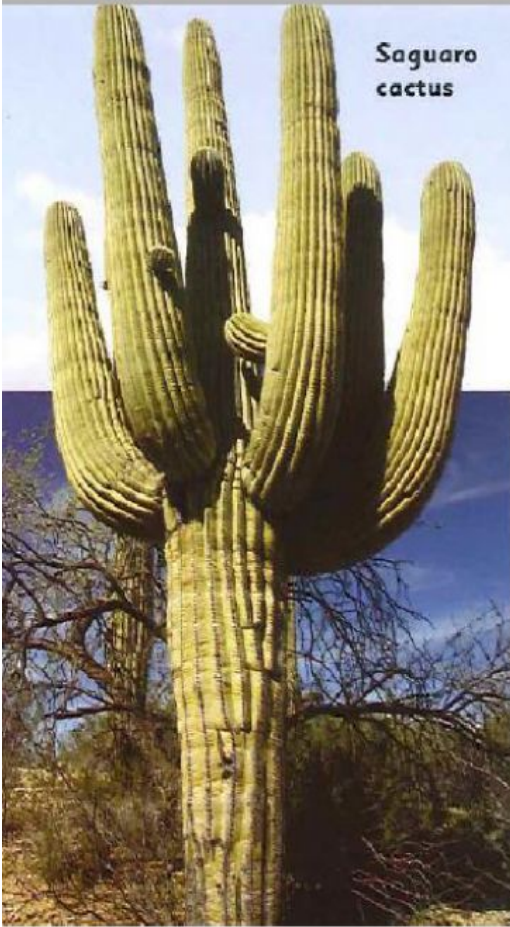


Desert tortoises spend 95 percent of their time underground.



Rattlesnakes warn off predators by shaking a rattle on their tail.

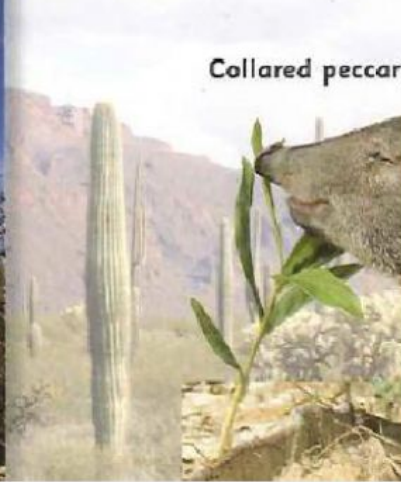
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Saguaro
cactus

Ready to expand

Following rain, this cactus's stem swells as the plant takes in water. It can absorb the weight in water of a small car.



Collared peccary

What happens
to the stems?

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