

## PART 2

*You should spend about 15 minutes in this part.*

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors.

For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

### Cactus

Cactus plants are ideal (0) unless you want visually appealing and low-maintenance foliage. They (9) has gained popularity as low-maintenance accentuation for houses and landscapes. According (10) for certified master gardener Alex Worley, “cacti are incredibly popular for a good reason—they’re uniquely adapted to thrive in arid environments, requiring little water and withstanding high temperatures.”

Since they are indigenous to desert areas, cactus plants have evolved to (11) surviving on little water and lots of sunshine. Being succulents, cacti have (12) flesh, thick sections that are used to hold water. Most cactus species contain spines, which are heavily modified leaves, rather than actual leaves. Cacti can hold onto important moisture in arid climates because the spines (13) less the quantity of water that the plant loses.

Most cactus plants are low-maintenance and don’t need much water to thrive. Plus, they often don’t need a big container to flourish, says Anna Ohler, proprietor of Bright Lane Gardens Nursery. “A great option for indoor gardens is cacti. According to her, most cacti (14) grew vertically and don’t require much room outside of their containers.

Both indoor (15) or outdoor environments are suitable for a vast variety of cacti. Though they prefer to grow taller outdoors, cacti can still flourish indoors in areas with lots of sunlight and soil that drains easily. (16) This well-liked cactus varieties are low-maintenance and provide unusual standout pieces.

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