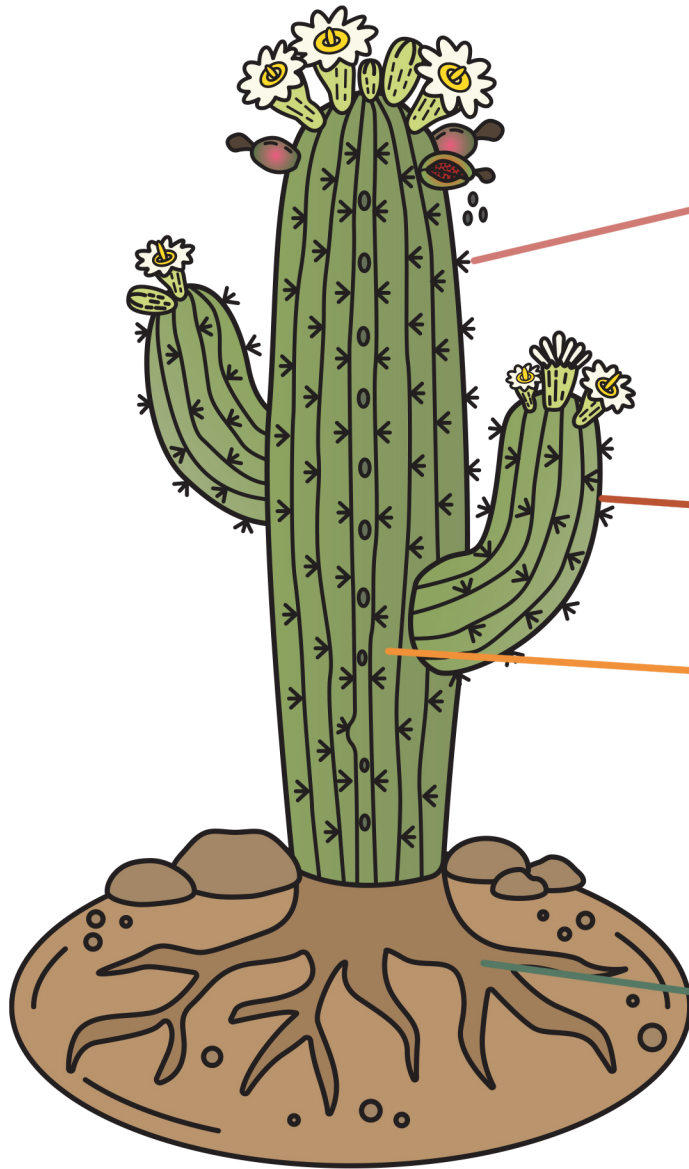


DESERT CACTUS

adaptations



Spines: protect the cactus and lose less water than leaves.

Waxy Skin: seals in water.

Pleats (ribs): let the stem expand and contract to store water.

Shallow Wide Roots: soak up rain quickly.