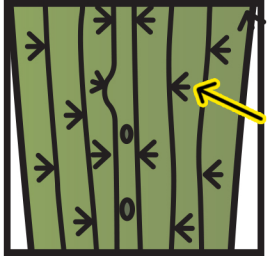


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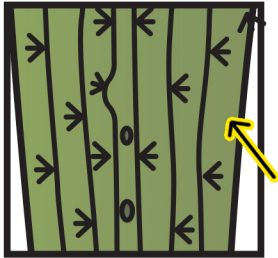
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spine

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A sharp growth that protects a cactus and loses far less water than a regular leaf would.

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waxy skin

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A thick, shiny covering on a cactus that seals in water and keeps it from evaporating in the sun.

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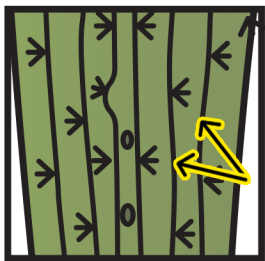
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shallow wide roots

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Roots that spread out near the top of the soil instead of growing deep, so they soak up rain quickly.

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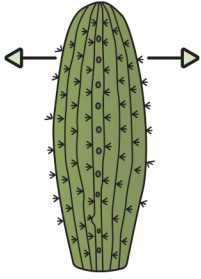
pleats

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The folds that run up and down a cactus stem, like the folds of an accordion.

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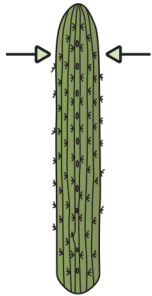
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expand

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To swell up and get bigger,
the way a cactus stem does
after it soaks up rainwater.

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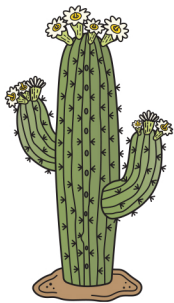
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contract

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To shrink and get smaller,
the way a cactus stem
does as it uses up
its stored water.

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succulent

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A plant with thick,
water-storing parts.
A cactus is one
type of succulent.

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