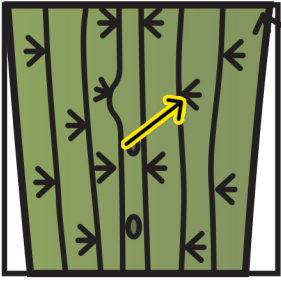


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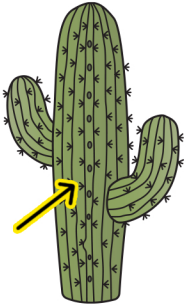
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spine

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A sharp, pointy growth on a cactus. Spines take the place of leaves and protect the cactus from thirsty animals.

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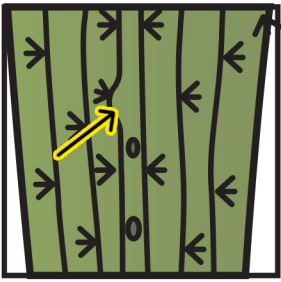
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stem

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The thick, green middle part of a cactus. It stores water and makes food for the plant using sunlight.

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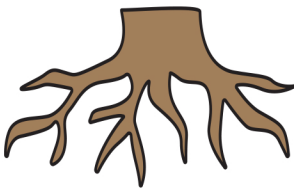
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areole

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A small, fuzzy bump on a cactus. Spines and flowers both grow from an areole.

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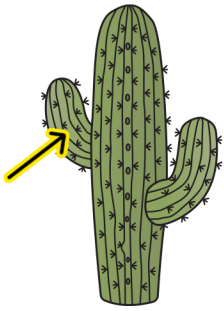
root

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The part of the cactus that grows underground and takes in water. A saguaro's roots spread out wide instead of growing deep.

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arm

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A branch that grows out from a saguaro's main stem, usually after the cactus is 50 years old or more.

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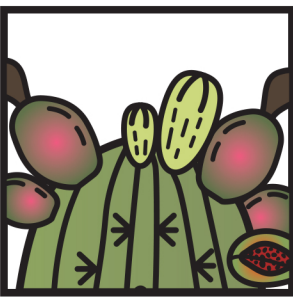
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flower

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The part of the cactus that blooms for a short time. After it is pollinated, it makes seeds.

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fruit

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The part that grows after a flower has been pollinated. It holds the seeds and can be eaten by animals.

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