

# Explorer's Guide

ARIZONA-SONORA  
DESERT  
MUSEUM

Welcome to the  
Arizona-Sonora  
Desert Museum!

Are you ready to go on a scavenger hunt? You should be able to find all the answers to these questions if you carefully observe animals, plants and geologic features both inside and outside the exhibits. Be sure to read signs and labels. Good luck!

**Find the  
answers to  
these mystery  
questions:**



Name an animal that eats prickly pear pads.

Name a predator and its prey.

List 3 minerals mined in Arizona.

Which reptile can squirt blood from its eyes?

Name a mammal that pollinates saguaros.



*Find each of  
the following:*

after you show your  
chaperone, check it off

- a nest in a cactus
- a lizard on a rock
- a saguaro skeleton
- a shade ramada built with desert plants
- seed pods on a plant
- a pollinator on a flower
- a bird on a cactus

# Burrowing Animals



Find and name some animals that burrow underground. Be sure to put each in the proper category:

Arthropod: \_\_\_\_\_

Mammal: \_\_\_\_\_

Bird: \_\_\_\_\_

Reptile: \_\_\_\_\_

Amphibian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do animals burrow?** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Listen

### to a Docent Interpretation

When you return to school, write a paragraph about what you learned.

Use this space to take some notes.

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# Animal Behavior



Now it's time to be a wildlife biologist and observe some animals in action! Watch the prairie dogs for at least 5 minutes. Check off any behaviors you observe. Draw some prairie dogs and tell what they're doing.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> grooming, cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> playing, fighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> calling, barking   | <input type="checkbox"/> greeting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eating             | <input type="checkbox"/> others (list)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> resting            |  |

Find another active animal to observe for at least 5 minutes. Describe its behavior.

Animal's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Behaviors seen: \_\_\_\_\_

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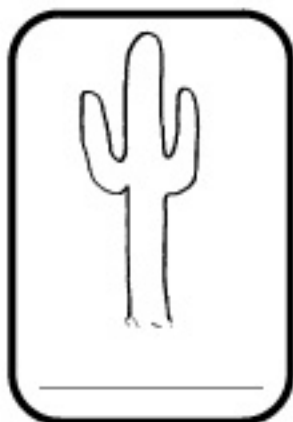
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# Desert Plants

The following are shapes of succulent desert plants. Find a plant to match each shape and write its name on the line (Be sure to walk through the Cactus Garden.)



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How are they adapted to the desert? \_\_\_\_\_

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