



**Dear teachers, please do not teach this page.**

亲爱的小朋友们，此页是为老师准备的教学目标页。

## **You are going to learn:**



**Topic:** Plants - Desert Plants



**Sentence pattern:** "... is/are famous for ..."



**Reading skill:** Main idea and details



# Are You Ready?

**Listen to me.**



**Look at me.**



# DESERT PLANTS



Classic English Junior Level 5 - Unit 3 - Lesson 7

INTENSIVE READING



## WARM-UP

Draw a line to match the plants with their homes.



• LET'S PREPARE! •

VOCABULARY



desert



spine



prickly pear  
cactus



saguaro cactus



bloom



sweeten



edible



high quality



## SENTENCE PATTERN

“... is/are famous for ...”

We use “... **is/are famous for** ...” when we want to say that someone or something is known or recognized by many people because of a particular characteristic.



The Sahara **is famous for** being the largest hot desert in the world.



Cacti **are famous for** their ability to survive in very dry places.



What's your city famous for?

## READING SKILL

The **main idea** is what the passage is mainly about.

The **details** give important information about the main idea.

**Put the main idea in a box then underline the details.**

Did you know that there are deserts that have really cold climate? Cold deserts have very cold and wet winters and they experience occasional rain over the summer. They are usually found in high or mountainous areas far from water forms. The Gobi in Central Asia is one of the coldest deserts in the world.

• LET'S READ! •

Which of these plants do not grow in the desert?




Let's find out what other plants grow in the desert.



**INTENSIVE READING****DESERT PLANTS**

Have you ever visited the **desert**? If you answered no, then you're probably like many of us. Deserts are very hot and dry places. Not many plants, animals, or even people can survive there. However, there are living things in the desert. In fact, there are many different kinds of plants and animals in the desert. It's hard to believe that they can survive under the hot sun, but life seems to always find a way.





Have you ever seen this prickly plant?  
It's called a cactus. Cacti are some of  
the most famous plants in the desert.  
There are many different kinds of cacti.



A photograph of a desert landscape featuring several tall saguaro cacti. The cacti are green with distinct vertical ribs and some have arms starting to grow. They are situated on a rocky, reddish-brown hillside dotted with low-lying green desert shrubs. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The image is framed with rounded corners and a blue border.

One of the most famous types is the saguaro. The **saguaro cactus** is found mostly in Mexico, as well as in US states like California and Arizona.

The saguaro cactus is quite large. It can grow over 40 feet tall! Flowers **bloom** on the saguaro in the spring. The saguaro flower is the state flower of Arizona.



The **prickly pear cactus** is another famous type of cacti. It grows in the US and many other places all over the world. This cactus **is famous for** its long, sharp **spines** on large green pads. If you get a spine in your skin, it can be very difficult to remove and will irritate you for a long time.

In fact, the prickly pad grows fruit. You can use this fruit to make candy, jelly, or juice. If you're really hungry, then you can even eat the pads.



**What's the main idea of the first paragraph?  
What details support the main idea?**



Have you ever seen the agave plant? It's a very useful type of desert plant. If you get lost in the desert, then you can crush the agave leaves for water. In fact, many people like to use the liquid from agave plants to **sweeten** their food or drinks.

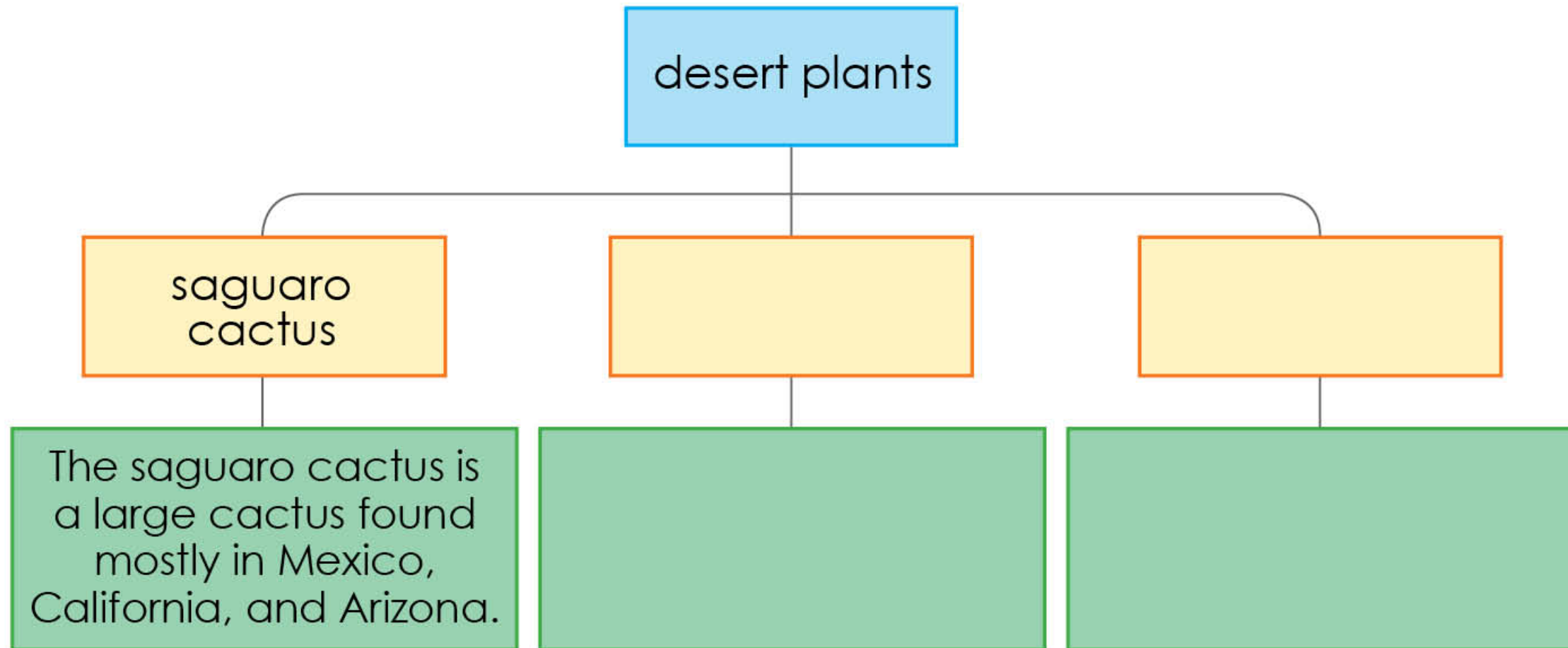
The agave plant has other uses too. It produces flowers that are both **edible** and sweet. People also use the agave plant to make clothing. Many people believe clothing made from agave plants is of a very **high quality**.





## WRITING PREPARATION

Complete the chart based on what you learned in the lesson. Name the types of desert plants in the yellow boxes and describe each in the green boxes.





## WRITING PROJECT

Recall what you've learned about desert plants by answering the following questions.



1. What is a cactus?
2. What are some types of cacti that can be found in a desert?
3. Can you describe each type of cactus?

Write a passage about this after class.

## Today we learned:

### TOPIC

Plants - Desert Plants



### SENTENCE PATTERN

“... is/are famous for ...”

This cactus **is famous for** its long, sharp spines on large green pads.

### READING SKILL

Main idea and details





**SEE YOU  
SOON!**

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