

Places to Live

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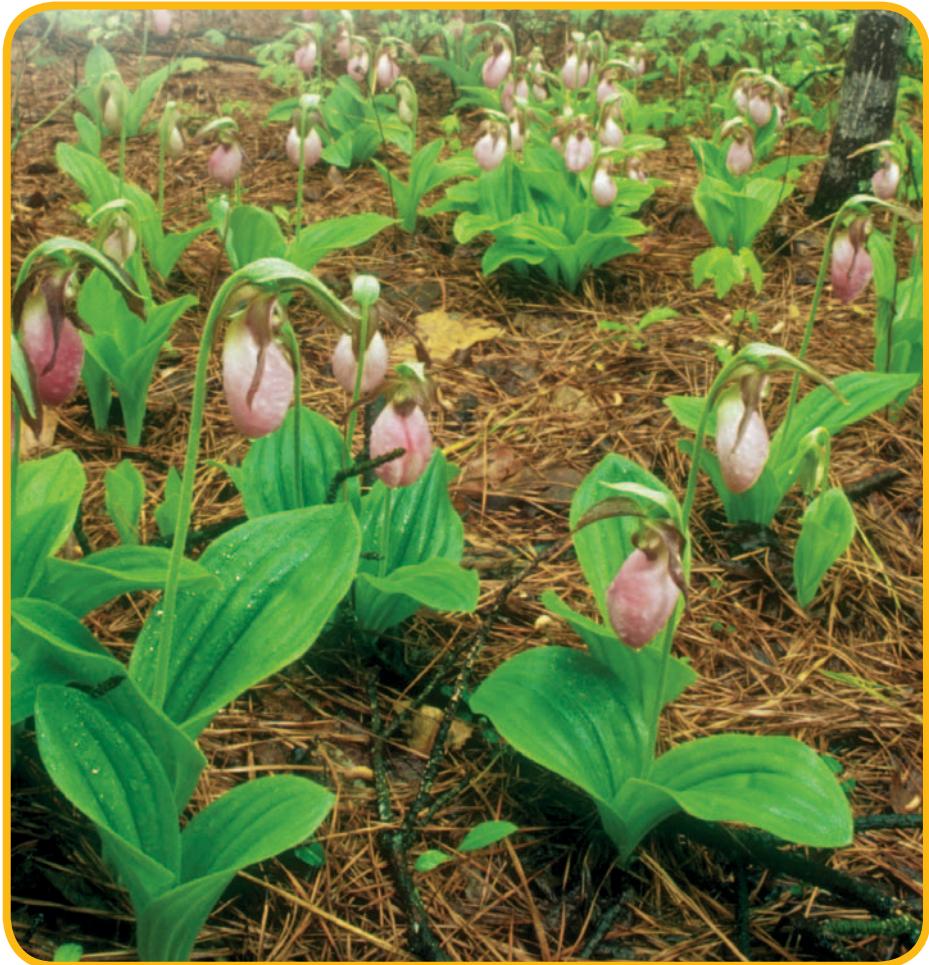
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Forests



- ▶ Tall forest trees shade the ground.
- ▶ They help keep the soil moist.



- ◀ Other plants grow near the ground.
- ◀ They need shade and moist soil.

Forest Animals

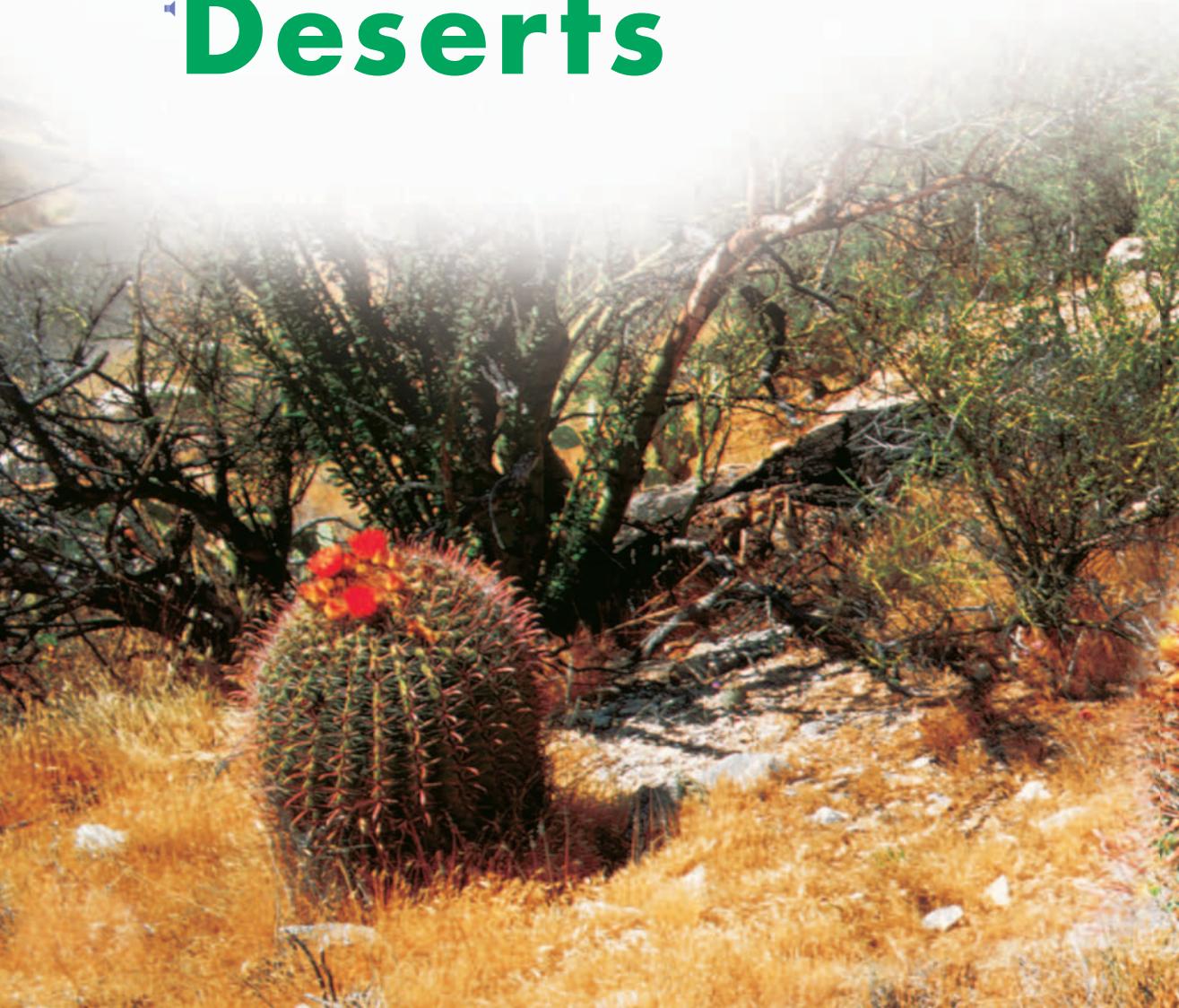


- Forests are habitats for animals.
- A habitat may be a large area.



- A habitat may be a small area.

Deserts



- A desert is land that gets very little rain.
- Most deserts are sunny all year.



- Desert plants need very little water.
- A cactus stores water in its stem.

Desert Animals



- Desert animals must find water.
- A tortoise gets water from its food.



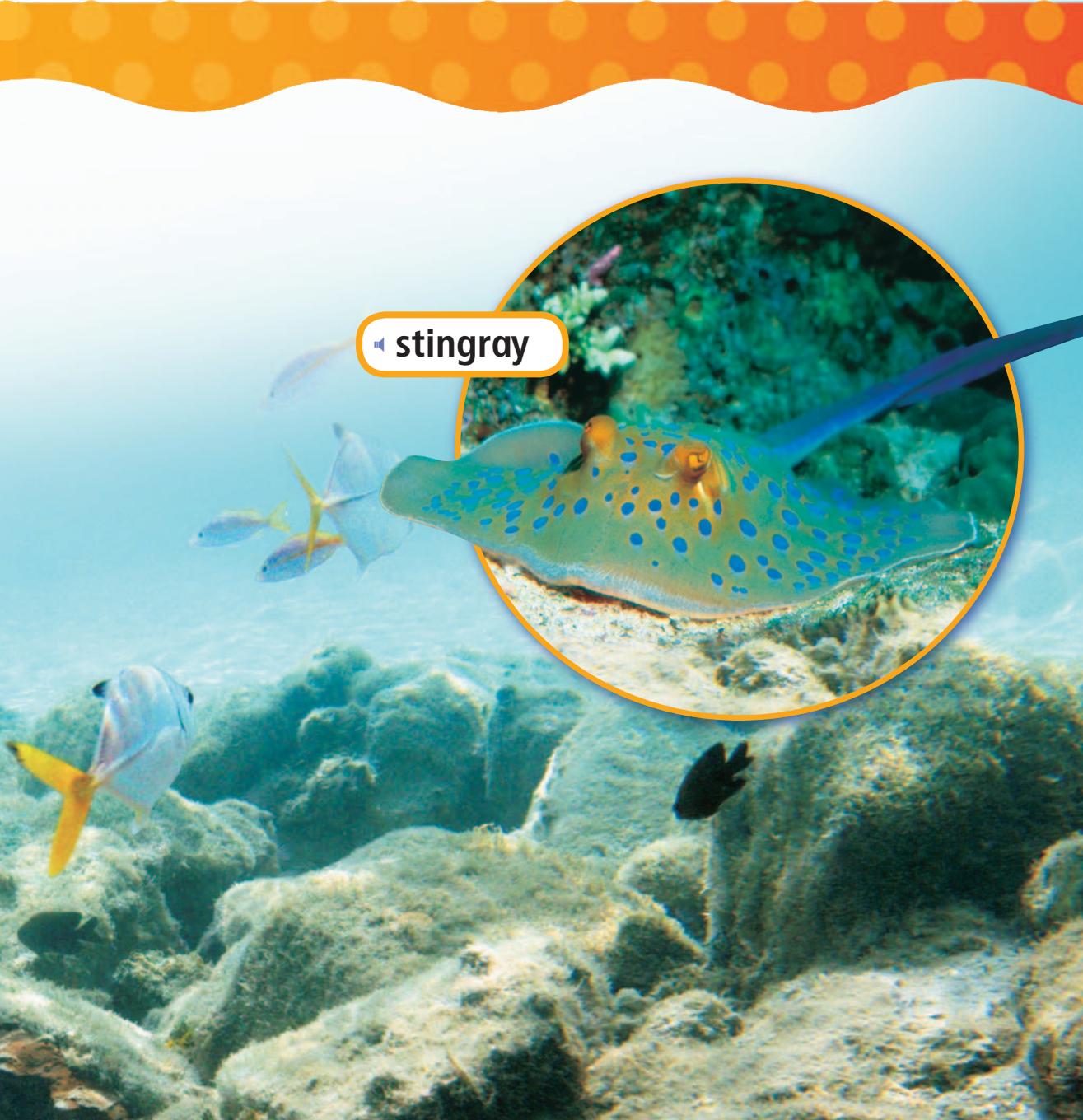
- Desert animals must stay cool.
- They must find shady places to rest.

Oceans

► hermit crab



- Many animals live in the ocean.
- Some, like crabs, live near food.



- ◀ Others swim far to find food.
- ◀ Stingrays swim hundreds of miles.

Vocabulary

-  **forest**, p. 2
-  **habitat**, p. 4
-  **desert**, p. 6
-  **ocean**, p. 10

► **Think About the Reading**

- **1.** What more do you want to learn about habitats?
- **2.** What can you do to find out more?

► **Hands-On Activity**

- **1.** Observe plants and animals on your way to school.
- **2.** Draw a picture of a plant or animal and its habitat.

► **School-Home Connection**

- Tell a family member what you have read about different habitats. Talk with a family member about different habitats near your home.