

# STUDENT HANDOUT - LIFE CYCLE OF THE SAGUARO

A tiny saguaro \_\_\_\_\_  
sprouts in a summer rain.



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15 YEARS

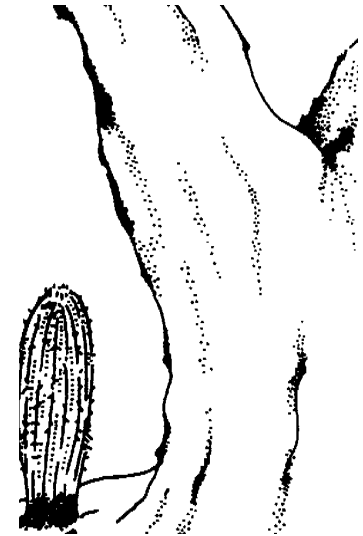
Safe under a nurse \_\_\_\_\_,  
the saguaro grows slowly.



2

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

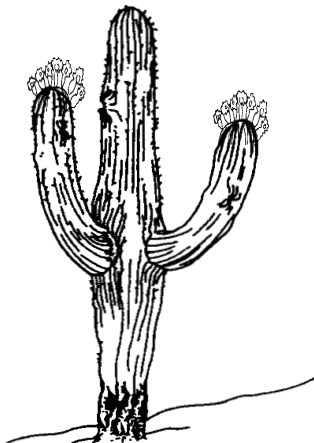
The saguaro is now only 2 feet  
tall.



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\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

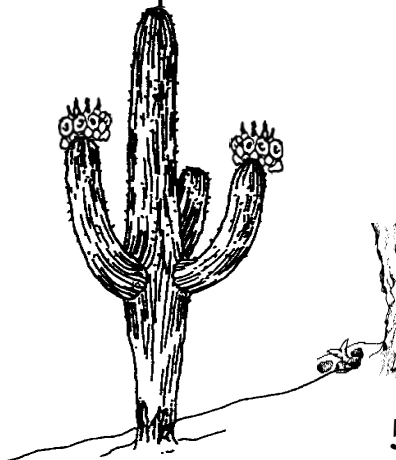
Now the saguaro grows  
\_\_\_\_\_. On the tips of the  
arms and stem, \_\_\_\_\_  
grow each May.



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\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

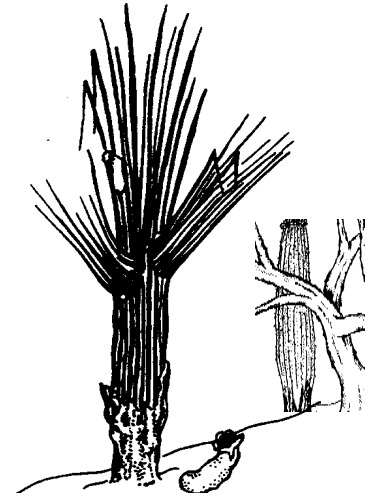
By this time, the saguaro's  
flowers have made many  
\_\_\_\_\_ and seeds. Animals  
eat them and drop them.



5

\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

Now the giant cactus \_\_\_\_\_  
and rots, making food and  
homes for different animals.



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