

*Look Who Lives in the Desert!*  
Informational Reading Comprehension 1

Carefully read the rhyming prose in the book and then fill in the blanks below.

Although the \_\_\_\_\_ is hot and dry, many animals live there.

\_\_\_\_\_ howl in the evening to communicate with one another.

Javelina are not \_\_\_\_\_ even though they look similar.

A kangaroo rat carries food in its \_\_\_\_\_.

Bobcats have \_\_\_\_\_ on the tips of their ears that improve their hearing.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a desert bird that can move fast on the ground.

Scorpions have \_\_\_\_\_ legs, \_\_\_\_\_ pinchers and a \_\_\_\_\_ at the tip of their tail.

A kit fox sleeps in a \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_.

A jackrabbit thumps its hind \_\_\_\_\_ to alert others to danger.

Gila monster's colors are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ are soaring birds that eat the remains of dead animals.

A gecko can lose his \_\_\_\_\_ and it will grow back.

Cactus wrens build their \_\_\_\_\_ among the spines of cholla cacti.

A tarantula looks like a \_\_\_\_\_ when she walks.

An \_\_\_\_\_ can turn its head three-quarters of the way around.

Some bats drink nectar from \_\_\_\_\_ that grow on top of cacti.

Bighorn sheep get their name because they have \_\_\_\_\_ on top of their heads.

A \_\_\_\_\_ warns intruders by shaking the tip of its tail.

Sometimes a hawk can be seen soaring in the \_\_\_\_\_.

The desert tortoise can pull its head and legs inside its \_\_\_\_\_ for protection.

A \_\_\_\_\_ can squirt smelly liquid when he is threatened or afraid.

A cougar is considered a "small" cat because it cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

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Informational Reading Comprehension Optional Word List

ballerina

black

burrow

cheeks

coyotes

desert

eight

feet

flowers

horns

nests

orange

owl

pigs

rattlesnake

roadrunner

roar

shell

sky

stinger

stink beetle

tail

tufts

two

vultures

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Informational Reading Comprehension 1 KEY

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Although the *desert* is hot and dry, many animals live there.

*Coyotes* howl in the evening to communicate with one another.

Javelina are not *pigs* even though they look similar.

A kangaroo rat carries food in its *cheeks*.

Bobcats have *tufts* on the tips of their ears that improve their hearing.

A *roadrunner* is a desert bird that can move fast on the ground.

Scorpions have *eight* legs, *two* pinchers and a *stinger* at the tip of their tail.

A kit fox sleeps in a *burrow* during the *day*.

A jackrabbit thumps its hind *feet* to alert others to danger.

Gila monster's colors are *orange* and *black*.

*Vultures* are soaring birds that eat the remains of dead animals.

A gecko can lose his *tail* and it will grow back.

Cactus wrens build their *nests* among the spines of cholla cacti.

The author thinks a tarantula looks like a *ballerina* when she walks.

An *owl* can turn its head three-quarters of the way around.

Some bats drink nectar from *flowers* that grow on top of cacti.

Bighorn sheep get their name because they have *horns* on top of their heads.

A *rattlesnake* warns intruders by shaking the tip of its tail.

Sometimes a hawk can be seen soaring in the *sky*.

The desert tortoise can pull its head and legs inside its *shell* for protection.

A *stink beetle* can squirt smelly liquid when he is threatened or afraid.

A cougar is considered a "small" cat because it cannot *roar*.