

## The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet August Enrichment Activities Grades 3-6

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- a. sand
- b. high temperatures
- c. lack of rain
- d. tumbleweeds

### 2. What is the largest hot desert in the world?

- a. Gobi Desert
- b. Mojave Desert
- c. Great Basin Desert
- c. Sahara Desert

#### 3. How have plants adapted to survive in the desert?

- a. They store water in their leaves and trunks.
- b. They spread out from each other.
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- d. All of the above.

### 4. What is the typical amount of desert precipitation?

- a. 5 inches
- b. 20 inches
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- d. 2 inches

#### 5. What does it mean when a plant is called a succulent?

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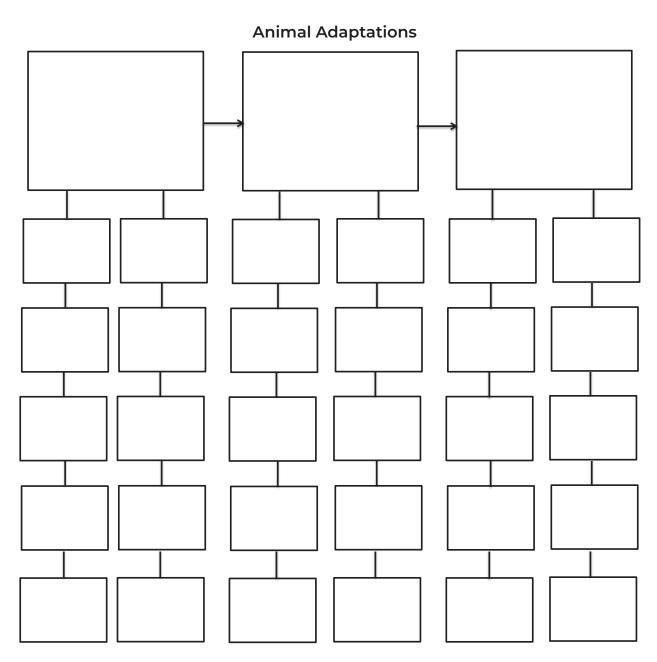
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**Students**: After reading "Wildville," use your imagination and the facts you know desert plants to create a tall tale, which is a story with unbelievable elements and is related or exaggerated as if it were true and factual. Examples include how cactus got its spines, how the yucca plant got its fruit or how the dragon's blood plant got its name. Be sure to include a title!



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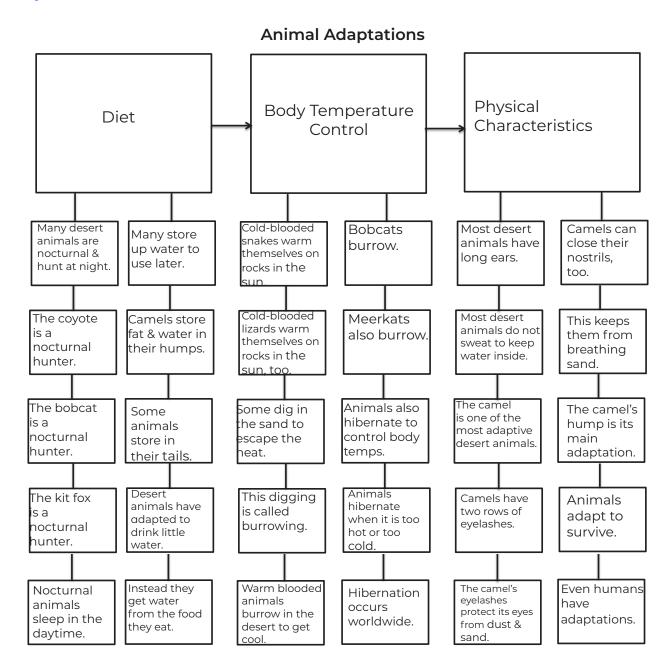
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