

Riddle Cards

<p>My roots spread out underneath the ground. When it rains they soak up any water to be found. The shallow roots wait for rains to fall. Soaking it up I trap it all.</p>	<p>The prickly spines don't feel very nice, If you think you want dinner, you'd better think twice! A mouthful of me is a painful surprise. Don't bother to taste me, you'd better be wise!</p>
<p>Although it's been weeks since there was rain, I stored up water so I won't complain. My thick stem stores the H₂O So I can survive the sun's hot glow.</p>	<p>My leaves are colored lightly or gray. They reflect the sun and keep it away. My leaves are quite small, as a rule, In hot temperatures they keep me cool.</p>
<p>My leaves and stems have a waxy touch. Water trapped inside me helps so much. When rain does fall I fill up fast, So when it stops, my water will last.</p>	<p>My prickly spines are really leaves, That stop the wind and help relieve My losing moisture to the wind. I'm grateful for a spiny skin.</p>
<p>My deep taproot drills down very deep. To underground water, where it may seep. Sometimes my root is 40 feet down. That's a long way to go underground.</p>	

<p>(SPINES PROTECT FROM ANIMALS) (Any cactus with spines)</p>	<p>(SHALLOW ROOTS) (Creosote bush, pinon pine)</p>
<p>(LIGHT COLORS ABSORB LESS HEAT) (Globemallow, rabbitbrush)</p>	<p>(WATER STORED IN THICK STEM) (Joshua tree, beavertail cactus)</p>
<p>(HAIRS, SPINES LESSEN EVAPORATION) (Prickly pear cactus, sage brush)</p>	<p>(WAX TRAPS MOISTURE) (Juniper, cliffrose)</p>
	<p>(ROOTS FIND AVAILABLE WATER) (Mesquite, Yucca)</p>