A tiny saguaro ________ sprouts in a summer rain.

15 YEARS
Safe under a nurse ________,
the saguaro grows slowly.

The saguaro is now only 2 feet tall.

______ YEARS
Now the saguaro grows _______. On the tips of the
arms and stem, ____________ grow each May.

______ YEARS
By this time, the saguaro’s
flowers have made many
_______ and seeds. Animals
eat them and drop them.

______ YEARS
Now the giant cactus ________
and rots, making food and
homes for different animals.