

STUDENT HANDOUT - LIFE CYCLE OF THE SAGUARO

A tiny saguaro _____
sprouts in a summer rain.



1

15 YEARS

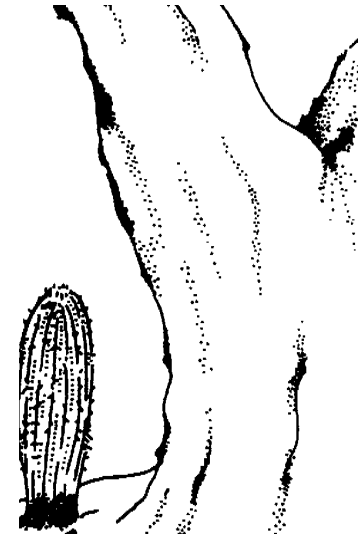
Safe under a nurse _____,
the saguaro grows slowly.



2

_____ YEARS

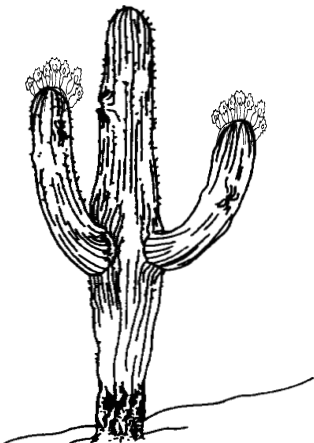
The saguaro is now only 2 feet
tall.



3

_____ YEARS

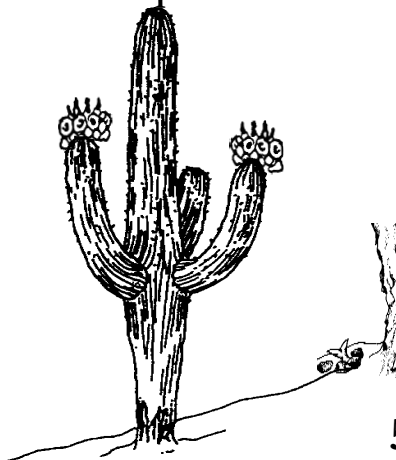
Now the saguaro grows
_____. On the tips of the
arms and stem, _____
grow each May.



4

_____ YEARS

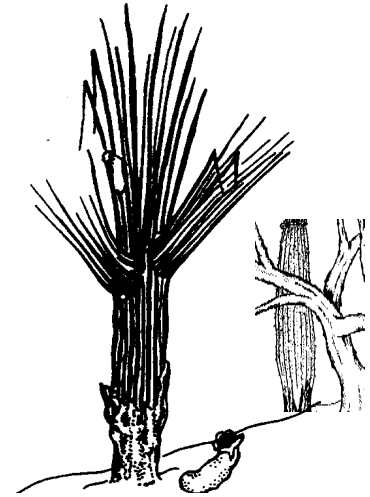
By this time, the saguaro's
flowers have made many
_____ and seeds. Animals
eat them and drop them.



5

_____ YEARS

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



6