

Name \_\_\_\_\_

► Write the Vocabulary Word that belongs in each group.

brush  
topple

spiny  
decomposes

teeming  
perch

habitat  
nectar

1. home  
environment  
surrounding  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. rots  
decays  
falls apart  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. sit  
roost  
squat  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. trees  
bushes  
shrubs  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. lean  
fall  
tumble  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. sharp  
thorny  
pointed  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. juice  
drink  
sap  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. swarming  
filled  
overflowing  
\_\_\_\_\_

► Write the Vocabulary Word that best completes each analogy.

9. *Tree* is to *forest* as *bush* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

10. *Rain* is to *rainy* as *spine* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

11. *Goes* is to *stops* as *grows* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

12. *Film* is to *movie* as *home* is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Read the paragraph. Then circle the letter of the best answer to each question.**

Deserts do not have to be hot—they only have to be dry. Any area of land that gets less than ten inches of precipitation a year is classified as a desert. *Precipitation* is any form of water that falls to Earth. Rain, snow, sleet, and hail are kinds of precipitation. Some deserts are very cold. Two of these cold deserts are at the North Pole and the South Pole. Parts of the polar regions have a lot of water, but it is frozen all year long. Frozen water is not much help to plants and animals. Some of the Antarctic region is so cold that there is very little precipitation.

- 1** This paragraph is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

**A** fiction  
**B** expository nonfiction  
**C** science fiction  
**D** persuasive nonfiction



**Tip**

Does the paragraph tell a story, give information, or try to make you think a certain way?

- 2** The purpose of this paragraph is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**F** explain that some deserts are cold  
**G** explain rain, snow, sleet, and hail  
**H** describe desert plants and animals  
**J** show what it is like to live in the desert



**Tip**

What is the main idea of the paragraph?

- 3** How is this paragraph organized? \_\_\_\_\_

**A** by sequence  
**B** by least to most important information  
**C** by a main idea followed by details  
**D** by comparison and contrast



**Tip**

Read the paragraph again. What is the relationship among the sentences?



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Saguaro  
Cactus

Grammar:  
Present Tense

► Rewrite these sentences by using the correct present-tense form of the verb in parentheses ( ).

1. Caleb and Mariko (**go, goes**) camping with their class.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Mariko (**see, sees**) a wolf spider.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Caleb (**jumps, jumped**) when he sees it.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. They (**tell, tells**) the rest of the class about the spider.

\_\_\_\_\_



► Complete each sentence with the correct present-tense form of the verb in parentheses ( ).

5. Yasmine \_\_\_\_\_ an empty bird's nest. (**find**)

6. "This \_\_\_\_\_ like a robin's nest," she says. (**look**)

7. Zachary \_\_\_\_\_ it is a sparrow's nest. (**think**)

8. They \_\_\_\_\_ about the nest. (**argue**)

9. Yasmine \_\_\_\_\_ that they ask their teacher. (**suggest**)

10. "What kind of bird \_\_\_\_\_ a nest like this?" asks Zachary. (**make**)

11. Mr. Tam \_\_\_\_\_ them that it is a wren's nest. (**tell**)

12. Yasmine and Zachary \_\_\_\_\_ for more nests together. (**search**)



Using only present-tense verbs, write a paragraph describing what you might see on a walk in the desert. Then rewrite the paragraph, using the plural subject we.

**Skill Reminder** Some words end with an unaccented syllable pronounced /ən/. The /ən/ sound can be spelled *on*, *en*, or *an*.

- Fold the paper along the dotted line. As each spelling word is read aloud, write it in the blank. Then unfold your paper, and check your work. Practice any spelling words you missed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
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16. \_\_\_\_\_
17. \_\_\_\_\_
18. \_\_\_\_\_
19. \_\_\_\_\_
20. \_\_\_\_\_

**SPELLING WORDS**

1. *pollen*
2. *even*
3. *urban*
4. *seven*
5. *kitchen*
6. *reason*
7. *human*
8. *season*
9. *burden*
10. *wagon*
11. *oven*
12. *dragon*
13. *horizon*
14. *orphan*
15. *sudden*
16. *eleven*
17. *button*
18. *canyon*
19. *slogan*
20. *golden*

