

QUIZ

1. The biggest cactus in the southwest USA is:

- a. Barrel Cactus
- b. Chainfruit
- c. Saguaro



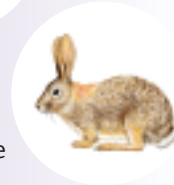
2. The Kangaroo Rat gets its name because:

- a. It has a pouch to carry its young
- b. It has a massive tail
- c. It has large hind legs and hops like a kangaroo



4. Rabbits have big ears because:

- a. They help to funnel sound so rabbits can avoid danger
- b. Their big ears help keep rabbits cool by allowing heat to escape
- c. Both of the above



5. Why do woodpeckers peck at tree trunks?

- a. To eat the inner bark
- b. To make interesting sounds
- c. To get insects and grubs living in the trunk



6. What is the world's largest bird of prey?

Answer: _____



7. Snakes can't blink.

- True
- False

8. The scary tarantula has a bite that can kill most people.

- True
- False



9. There are three very different desert ecosystems in the southwest U.S.

- True
- False

10. Rattlesnakes are aggressive hunters that will pursue any game, even people.

- True
- False

11. Like wolves, coyotes hunt in packs.

- True
- False



Answers

1. c – The saguaro grows up to 60 ft. (18 m) tall and up to 2 ft. (60 cm) thick.

2. c

3. T – Snakes have scales like covers over their eyes.

4. c

5. c – The tip of the woodpecker's tongue has a small barb to hook tiny insects in the holes that it drills.

6. The condor – its wingspan can be more than 10 ft. (3m) across. (Condors are found in California/Arizona and in South America's Andes Mountains.)

7. F – The tarantula's bite is relatively harmless

8. T – The three deserts found in the U.S. southwest are the Sonoran, Mojave, and Chihuahuan. Each harbors a unique array of plants and animals.

9. F – Rattlesnakes only hunt things they can swallow. When they bite people, it's usually an act of self-defense. Did you know some Native American cultures in the southwest – like the Hopi – have snake celebrations where they dance while holding wild rattlesnakes?

10. F – Coyotes usually hunt alone.