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Desert Animal Scavenger Hunt



**Test your knowledge of the animals that live in the desert by reading the clues.  
Put the number next to the animal that you think fits the description.**

1. I live with my family in a large group in a "town". I only come out of my burrow during the day to eat. My favorite foods are leaves and roots. Sometimes for dessert, I'll have a grasshopper.

2. My name implies my favorite activity... jumping! I can jump 10 feet and change direction upon hitting the ground. Since I live in the desert, it's lucky for me that I never have to drink water!

3. I build my nest in a prickly cactus and talk to my friends by calling "chug, chug, chug." I am a mascot of the state of Arizona.

4. My mother carried me on her back when I was a baby, but today I live under rocks and pieces of wood. I have a temper -- don't make me mad or I might sting you with my powerful venom.

5. My life only lasts a few weeks but I make good use of it by flying everywhere. I'm very picky about what I eat, preferring to dine only on milkweed.

6. Hair covers my body. For my species, I'm quite big, measuring up to 3 inches long. If I'm a girl, I have 200-300 babies at a time

-- that's a lot to fit in a burrow! With my large fangs, which inject venom, I protect my family from the skunks (pee-yew!) who prey on us.

7. If you go to the desert you cannot miss me. I stand 50 feet tall, weigh 7 tons, and live to be 150 years old! Many animals like to eat the sweet fruit that I produce.

8. Some of my relatives are small, but I grow to be 3-5 feet long. Hawks, eagles, and roadrunners like to eat me, but I fend them off with my venomous bite. If you listen carefully, you can hear me before I strike.

9. Don't look too hard for me during the day, as I only come out at night. And usually only when it's raining! My family and I live in rain pools and when we call each other, we sound like sheep.

10. Unlike many of my desert friends, I play during the day. That's when I look for my favorite meal-ants! Snakes, coyotes, and hawks try to eat me. But I have a really cool way of protecting myself-I squirt blood from my eyes in self-defense!