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**Instructions:** Read about the Joshua Tree and what it needs.



The Joshua tree grows in the sunny and dry Mojave Desert. Like all plants, it needs some water to survive. Its pointed leaves catch rainwater. Its roots gather water from the soil.

This strange tree grows well where the weather is hot in the summer and cold in the winter.



Its flowers smell strongly at night.

The smell attracts yucca moths. The moths pollinate the flowers as they visit them during the night.

They are the only insect that carries pollen to this flower.



Later, the flower turns into a fruit.

Animals eat some of the flat seeds.



Some seeds blow away and find a new place in the soil.

If they get warmth and rain soon, they sprout.

This may start a new group of Joshua trees.