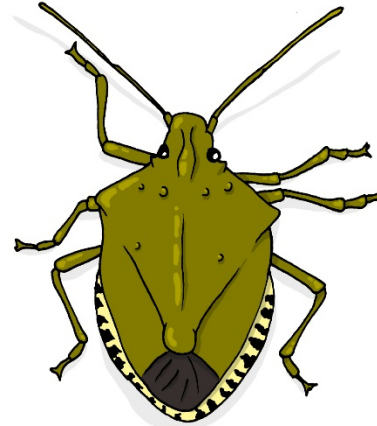


Desert Creatures

Deserts are found all over the world. They form in places where the air is very dry and there are few clouds. Because there are no clouds, there is no rain and deserts are very dry.



This is a cactus wren. It makes its nest inside a cactus, which helps it to stay safe. It eats insects like ants and beetles.



This is a stinkbug. It lives in the ground and on rocks. If it is scared, it will spray a nasty smelling liquid at its enemy. It may also stand on its head.



This is a desert tarantula. It is a spider or arachnid. It stays underground to keep cool. Desert tarantulas spin silk to fill their nests.



This is a burrowing owl. It nests and sleeps in underground burrows. It often comes out during the day and stands in front of the burrow.

Rainforest Creatures

Complete this table with ✓. (AF2)

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stinkbug				
desert tarantula				
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Why has the writer put the information in boxes? (AF4) **To make it easier to read.**

Why do you think nesting in a cactus helps the cactus wren stay safe? (AF3) **Prickles and spikes protect it.**

How is the burrowing owl different from most other owls? (AF3/AF7) **It often comes out in the daytime.**