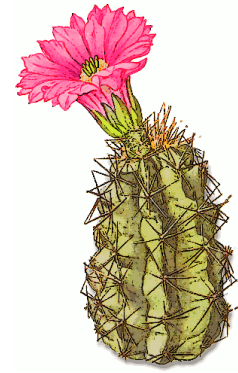


Kids question and answers-worksheets

I wonder why a cactus plant has needles...

The desert is difficult place for plants to live. The sun is very hot. The ground is very hard and dry. The cactus plant, however, knows how to survive there. When it rains, the cactus stores up all the water it can hold. The cactus needles protect the plant from being eaten by animals that want the water the plant stores inside. The needles also cast a shadow on the plant itself to protect it from the sun.



I wonder why a Venus's- flytrap eats flies...

A Venus's-flytrap eats flies because it needs the special juice in the fly's body to grow. It gets some minerals from the soil, but some soils do not have nitrogen that the plant needs for its diet.

The Venus's-flytrap catches insects with its leaves. It closes its leaves around the fly when it lands on it. The plant then changes the fly's flesh into a thick juice. It gets its food from this juice. After it is done with the fly, it opens its leaves and let whatever is left blow away.

