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# Reading Comprehension: Cactus

**Directions:** Read, or listen to the teacher read, the passage below about the cactus plant. Answer the questions about the text. Then, ask your own question that can be answered by reading the text.

## Cactus

The cactus plant grows in areas of the world that are hot, dry, and have little rain. The roots, stems, and leaves of a cactus store water for the plant so it can survive during dry periods. The cactus leaves are called spines; they are pointy and sharp.

Cactus flowers are big and come in many colors such as red, yellow, pink, and even blue. The life of a cactus can be 25 years to 300 years, depending on the kind of cactus. People can drink the water inside the cactus, which is thick and white in color, if they need it in an emergency. The tallest cactus may grow to about 20 feet tall.

### Answer these questions about the text.

1. What parts of the cactus store water for the plant?

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2. In what type of environment does a cactus live?

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3. How tall might a cactus grow?

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### Ask a question about this text.

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## Answer Key

1. The roots, stems, and leaves
2. Hot and dry environments with little rain
3. About 20 feet tall