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Desert Flower Power

By Alice Knisley Matthias



Xerophytes are plants that are at their best,
Growing in regions like the dry Northwest.
Desert flowers know how they can survive;



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Live in the desert's blazing, hot sunshine.
These plants all learned what they needed to know,
To live in a place where others can't grow.



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1. What is this poem about?



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3. How have Phreatophytes adapted to survive?
 - a. Their roots hold extra water underground so the plant can survive.
 - b. They do not have roots to take in water.
 - c. Their roots are very shallow to absorb more water.
 - d. Their roots go deep into the earth, where there is more water.
4. Create a new, appropriate title for this poem. Do not use the words desert, flower, or power in your new title.

Something extra: With a parent or teacher, use the internet to look up the words Xerophyte and Phreatophyte. On a separate sheet of paper, tell how they are the same and how they are different.

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Personification is when a writer makes a plant, animal or object seem like a human.

Here is one example of personification, from line 3 of the "Desert Flower Power" poem:

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3. Read each sentence below. Tell which sentences show personification. Write *personification* or *not personification* on the lines.

- _____ The trees were dancing in the wind.
- _____ The light was brightly shining.
- _____ The water sang as it crashed against the rocks.
- _____ My computer died last night.
- _____ The wooden table had beautiful shapes carved into it.

ANSWER KEY

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Answers will vary. Sample: Succulent plants in dry climates

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