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Mojave Max Education Program
Vocabulary Worksheet



Use the following vocabulary words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below:

adaptation
brumation
burrow
habitat
herbivores

hibernation
prey
reptiles
threatened species

1. Desert tortoises are plant eaters, or _____, that like to eat grasses, cactus, and flowers.
2. Desert tortoises are known as a _____ because their numbers are falling and scientists are worried about them.
3. A tortoise's _____ is where it finds the food, water, shelter and space that it needs to survive.
4. A desert tortoise spends most of its life in its _____.
5. Some mammals and birds enter _____ during the winter, but the sleep of cold-blooded animals like the desert tortoise is called _____.
6. Desert tortoises may become _____ to animals like coyotes, birds, and snakes.
7. Desert tortoises, lizards, and snakes are all animals called _____.
8. Storing water in their bladders is an example of an _____ that tortoises have for living in the desert.

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Use the following vocabulary words to label the parts of the tortoises. Below each tortoise, label it "male" or "female."

- carapace**
- gular horn**
- plastron**
- scute**




