

## You are a poet!

Finish these poems about plants by filling in the blanks.

### The Yucca

From bursting blades of dusty green  
The yucca blooms but once.  
Its spear-like \_\_\_\_\_ grow strong and thick,  
Made for the driest \_\_\_\_\_.  
It waits long years for blossom time,  
Which finally comes one spring,  
And then it \_\_\_\_\_ a foot a day  
In one stupendous fling.  
Then like a giant glowing flame,  
A beacon on a hill,  
It briefly shines with \_\_\_\_\_ white,  
Then is forever still.

### Poison Oak

Such luscious green! Such full, rich boughs!  
Inviting you to touch.  
But if you do, I fear that you'll  
Regret it very \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Leaves of three?** Then \_\_\_\_\_;  
Remember what you've learned,  
And you can skip the itchy way  
Of having wisdom earned.

### Desert Leaves

Some leaves are waxy; some leaves are small.  
Some leaves are needles (not like leaves at \_\_\_\_\_).  
Some \_\_\_\_\_ are thicker, some lined with fuzz.  
Some curve down, hiding from sunlight because  
They've found their own method, as each plant has done  
To live year by year in the hot, dry-land \_\_\_\_\_.

*leaves/months/grows/blossoms/much/let it be/all/leaves/sun*