

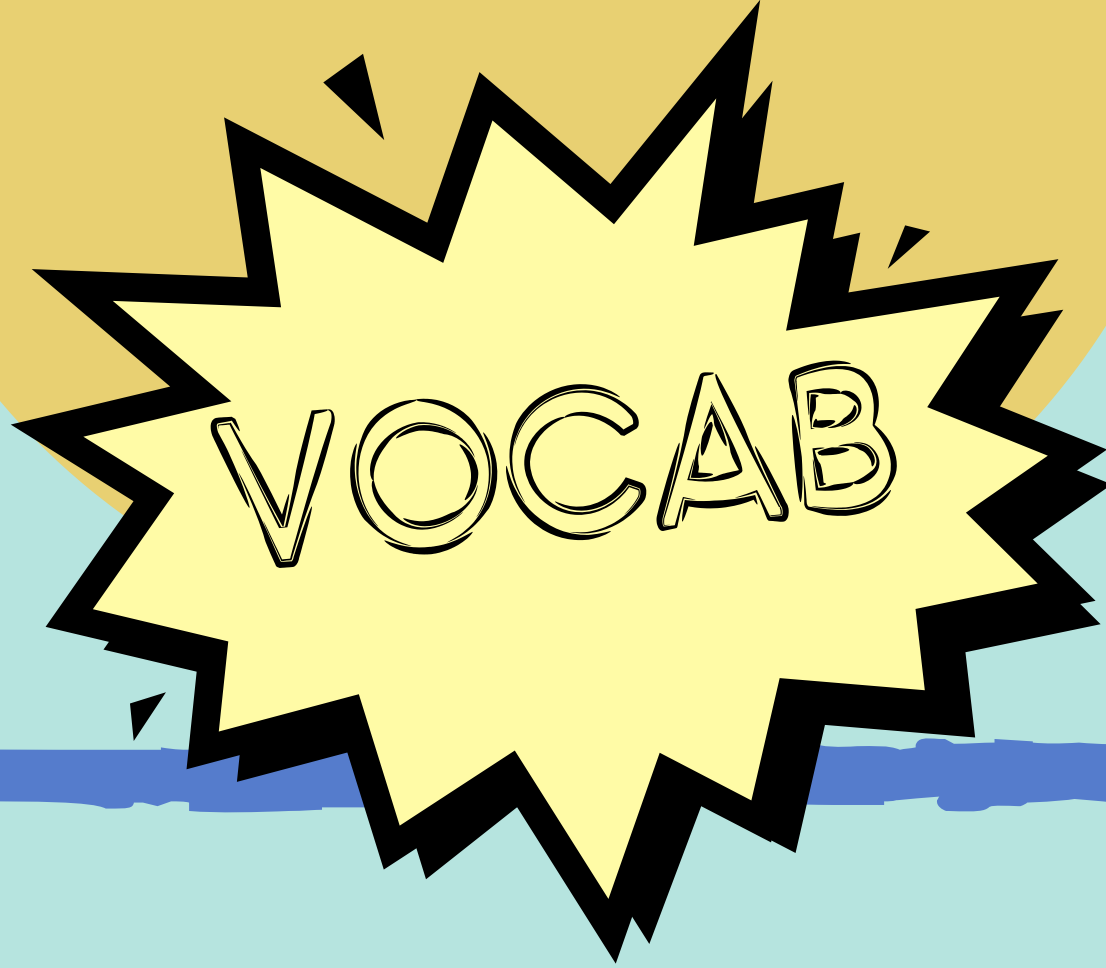
# Draw Desert Flora and Fauna



**2ND - 5TH GRADE  
INSTRUCTION  
GUIDE**

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# VOCAB

**Desert:** A dry, barren area of land, especially one covered with sand, that is characteristically desolate, waterless, and without vegetation

**Flora:** All the plant life present in a particular region or time, generally the naturally occurring (indigenous) native plants

**Fauna:** The animal life typical of a region, period, or special environment

**Succulents:** Succulents are plants that store water in their leaves or stems

**Foreground:** The part of a view that is nearest to the observer, and often the most prominent feature of an artwork

**Middleground:** The area between the very front and the very back of your scene

**Background:** The area or scenery behind the main object of contemplation



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Regular drawing paper-
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Markers
- Oil pastels (May substitute crayons or colored pencils)

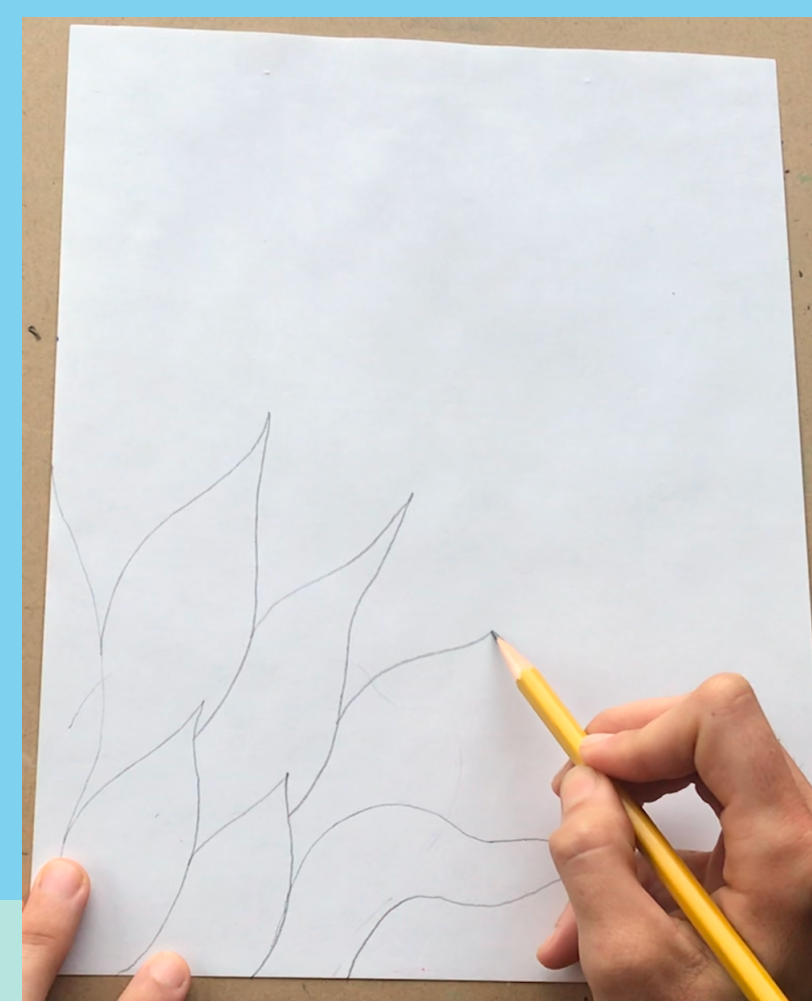
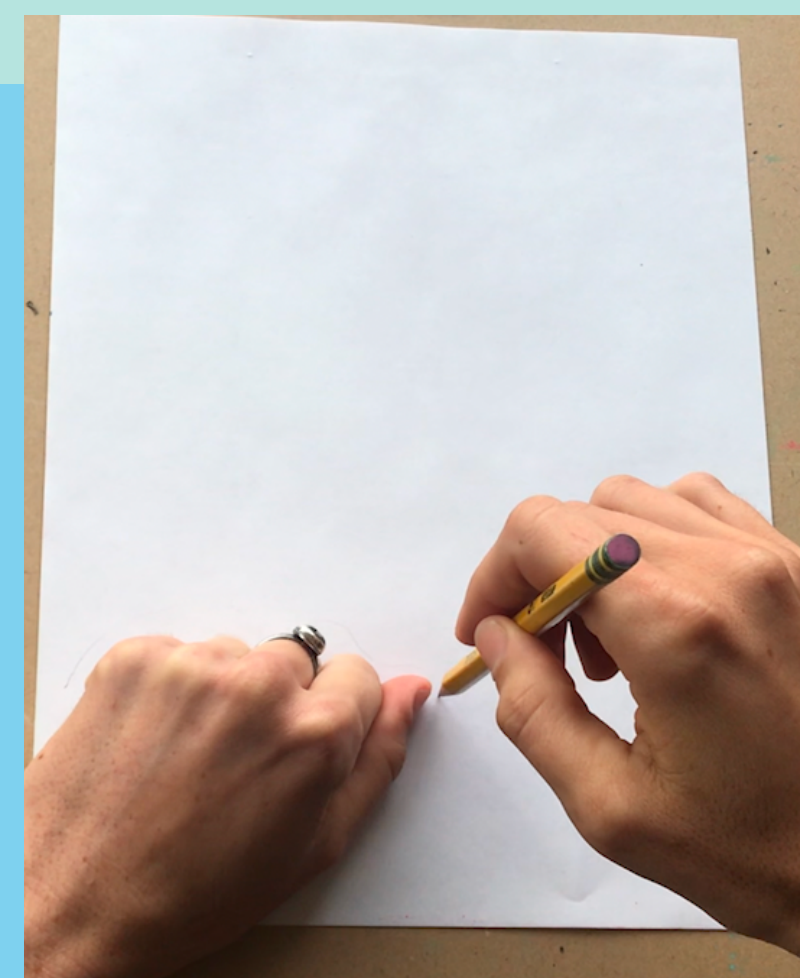


## DIRECTIONS:

### DRAW YOUR AGAVE

**1. Measure space for your agave.** Using your fist, draw a light outline in the bottom right corner of your page to get an idea of where you want your agave plant.

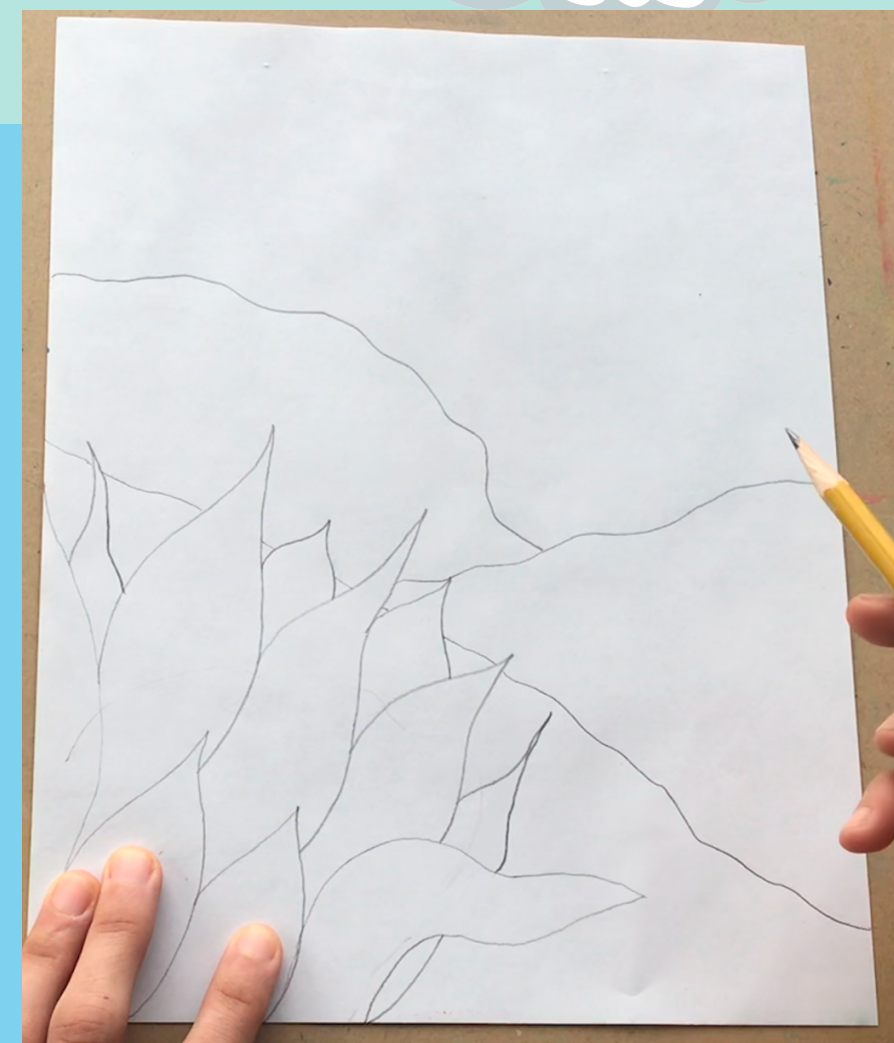
**2. Draw your agave leaves.** Starting on the left-hand side, draw a long, curved, backward "S" shape. Then continue making leaves in layers of bulbous shapes that come to an upper sharp point.



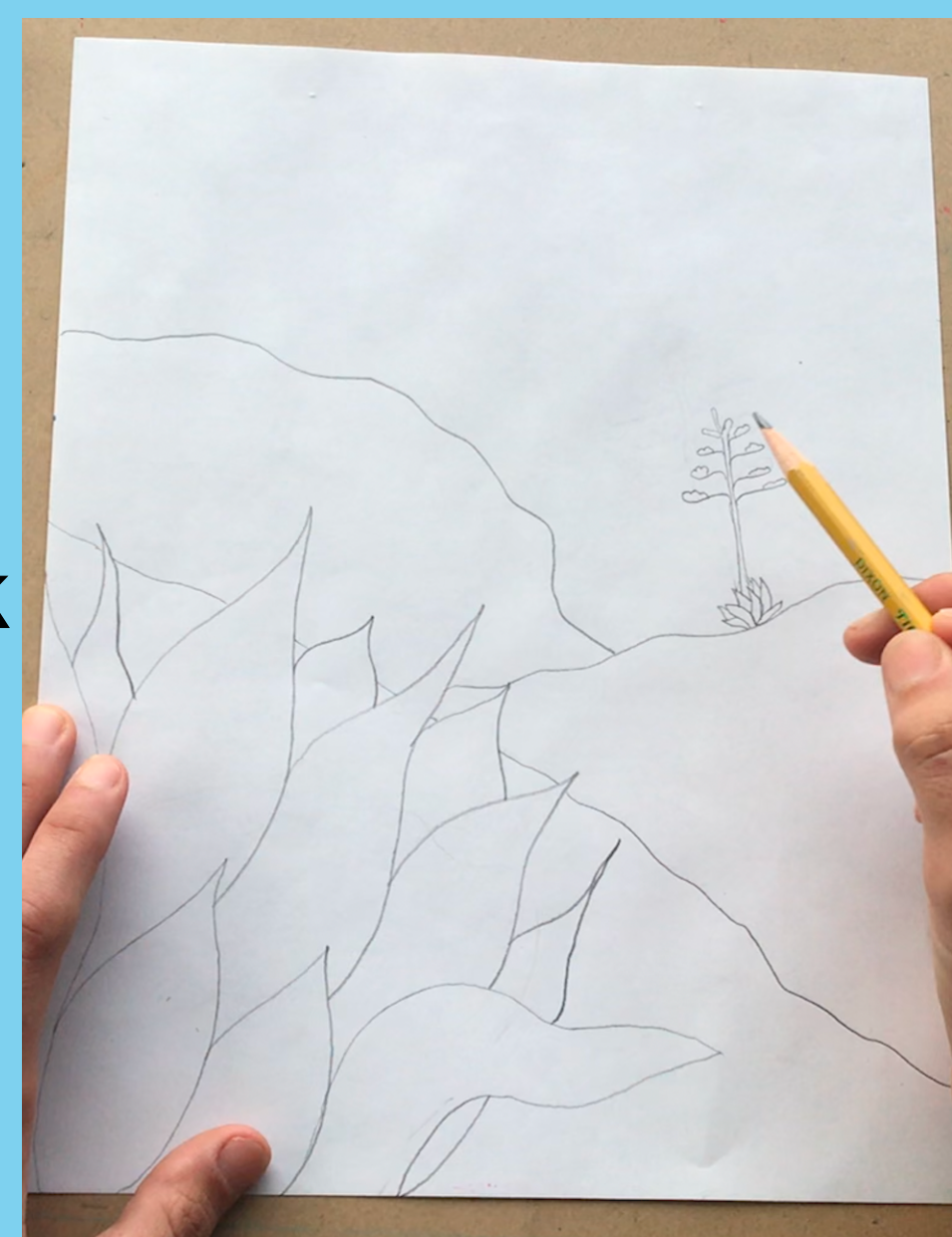


## DRAW YOUR MIDDLE GROUND

**3. Make layers of rock.** Draw a diagonal line behind your agave plant, from the left side to the right side of the page. Use your "artist's eye" to hop over the agave leaves in the foreground. Draw two more diagonal lines behind it for more layers.

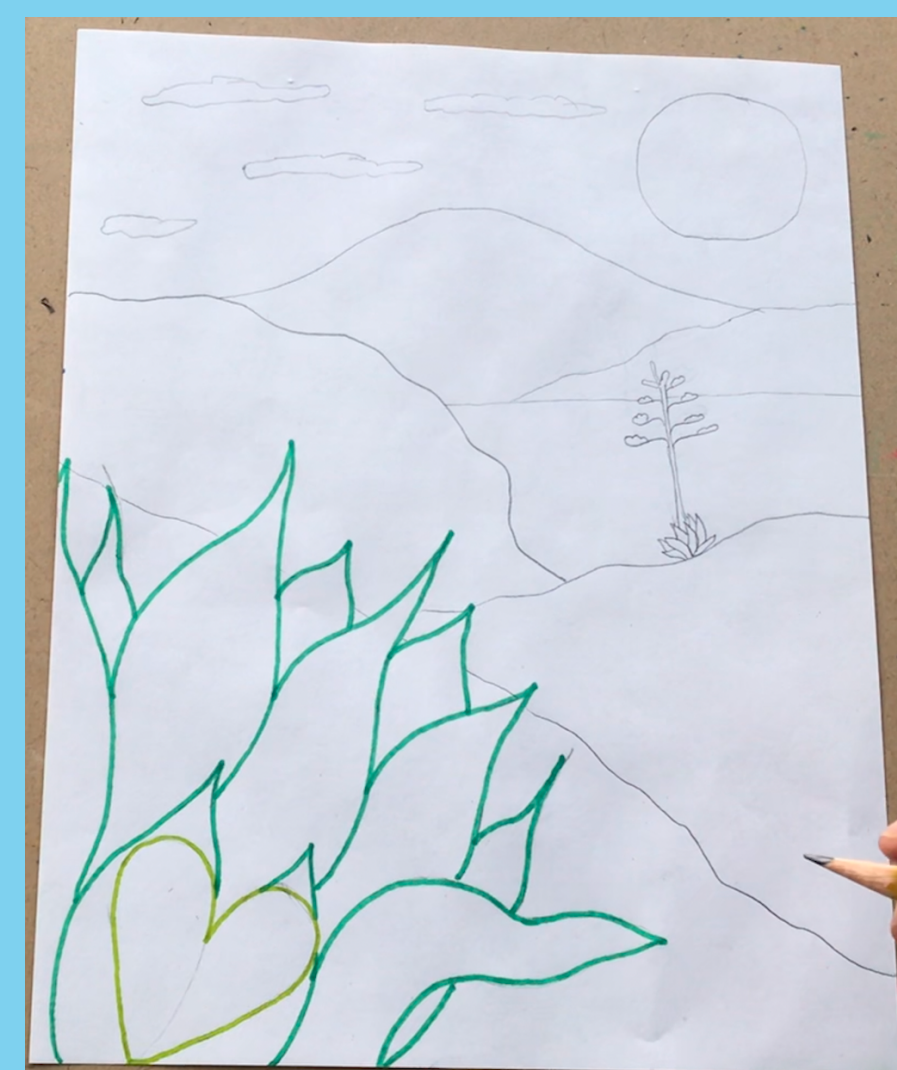


**4. Draw a flowering agave plant in your foreground.** Along your second diagonal line, draw a small cluster of agave leaves. Draw two lines moving up from the middle for the flower stalk. Draw three little ovals on top of those lines, then draw horizontal lines with "puffy cloud" shapes from the base of the flower stalk.



## DRAW YOUR BACKGROUND

**5. Draw the valley, mountains and sky.** Draw a straight line from the side of the furthest mountain in the distance. Draw a smaller mountain on the right on top of it, and a big curved mountain in the center. Draw a circle in the sky for the sun, and small wispy clouds next to it.





**DRAW YOUR FLORA AND FAUNA**

**6. Choose any of the animals and plants below to add to your scene. Pick at least 5 different elements and draw them into your middle ground.**



**Desert Iguana**



**Jack Rabbit**



**Coyote**



**Bighorn Sheep**



**Cholla**



**Barrel Cactus**



**Rattlesnake**



**Bobcat**



**Ocotillo**



## ADD COLOR

**6. Color your outlines.** Lightly erase any dark pencil lines so that they are faint but still visible. Outline the entire drawing with multiple colors using markers.



**7. Color it in!** Using oil pastels, crayons or colored pencils, color in the rest of your drawing. Feel free to use fun, vibrant and extreme colors. Have fun!



**We can't wait to see your desert flora and fauna!**

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with your finished masterpiece!