

- I live on the floor of *temperate coniferous rainforests* and other rainy-foggy-damp habitats.
- I can only live in a limited range environmental conditions – I'll die if it gets too cold or too dry.
- I eat rotting plant and animal material, lichens, algae, fruit, seeds and animal droppings.
- I produce lots of *mucus*, which helps me slide across the forest floor and keeps predators away.
- I'm the second longest shell-less *gastropod mollusk* in the world and a cousin of the snail.
- My cylindrical shape and golden yellow color remind people of a fruit that is part of my name. **D2**

- I'm an *evergreen* bush, but will take on different shapes based on the conditions where I live.
- I'm a common *chaparral* plant and can be found all over the state from San Diego to Oregon.
- My leaves also have a natural fire retardant and my roots can regenerate quickly after a fire.
- My leaves have a waxy coating that reduces the moisture lost to evaporation.
- I have a large root system to catch any rainfall in my dry habitat.
- I'm a relative of sunflowers, but am named for a wily relative of dogs that shares my habitat. **D1**

- I'm a *monocot*, so my trunk is made of thousands of fibers and lacks annual growth rings.
- I am the largest of the yuccas and only grow in the Mojave Desert.
- I have two sets of roots – One is shallow to catch water and the deep roots store the water.
- My spiny leaves turn upwards to catch any moisture in the air, which is then stored in my limbs and trunk.
- I'm named for an Old Testament prophet because my limbs look to some like upraised arms.
- A California national park in the Mojave is named for me. **D4**

- I'm a California *endemic* that grows on rocky slopes, canyons, and ridges in dry conditions.
- I'm an evergreen shrub that may also grow as a single-stemmed tree.
- My thick, waxy leaves reduce water loss through evaporation.
- My seeds can remain alive in the soil for 10 to 40 years and readily germinate after a fire.
- My reddish to orange bark has a distinctive peeling character, but is smooth most of the year.
- A literal translation of my name from Spanish to English would be *little apple*. **D3**

