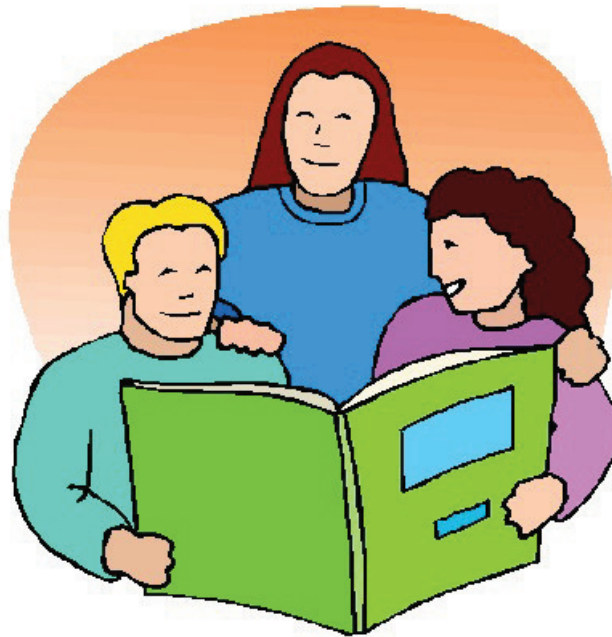


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**THIS SAGUARO IS FINE!****The Life Story of a Saguaro Cactus Told in Verse**

Written and Formatted for Readers Theatre  
By Lois Walker

10 Reader parts: 8 solo reader parts and 2 duet readers.  
All voices read in unison on CHORUS and selected "ALL" phrases.

*NOTE: To find the proper rhythm for this piece, you might want to first read-aloud and clap through the piece as you go. Each word or word part falling directly on a clap (beat) is underlined below. Practice this piece slowly. If you go too fast, it becomes a real tongue twister and you won't have time to have fun with the interpretation!*

**VERSE I**

READER 1: I know a cactus hotel:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 2: Or maybe it's a motel:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 1: It takes this cactus 50 years to grow some  
fruit,

And that's like opening up a diner on its roof.

READER 2: Soon lots of hungry desert critters come to  
dine

And say,

READERS 3&6: "We think we'll stay here.

This saguaro is fine!

ALL: Fine, fine,

This SAGUARO is fine.

(rest) We think we'll stay here,

This saguaro is fine!

## VERSE II

READER 4: I know a cactus townhouse:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 5: A prickly up and down house:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 4: First a Gila woodpecker, then white winged  
dove

Build two boots for nesting, one below, one  
above.

READER 5: With space left for new neighbors to the side  
and behind

They say,

READER 3&6: "We think we'll live here.

This saguaro is fine!

ALL: Fine, fine,

This SAGUARO is fine.

(beat)We think we'll live here,

This saguaro is fine!

**VERSE III**

READER 7: I know a cactus condo:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 8: It's one I am quite fond of;

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 7: Soon these cactus nesters: the dove and the  
woodpecker  
Share the space with Harris Hawks, standing  
triple-decker.

READER 8: Packrats come and then they go, with passage  
of time,

READERS 3&6: And all agree on one thing:  
This saguaro is fine!

ALL: Fine, fine,  
This SAGUARO is fine.  
All agree on one thing,  
This saguaro is fine!

**VERSE IV**

READER 9: I know a cactus flophouse:

ALL: THE SAGUARO!

READER 10: A topped-over drop house:

ALL: THE SAGUARO