• 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