Student Activity 4: What Makes a Plant?

Which parts of a plant can you identify?

Leaves Seed pods Branches Stems

Fruits or Berries Thorns Roots Buds

Find some plants and look at their parts using Flexi-Scope.

The photos below, taken with Flexi-Scope, are of plants that grow in the desert Southwest.

Are they different from the plants that grow near you? If so, how and why are they different? What are some native plants that grow wild in your area?

Can you think of ways that some plants protect themselves?

Use Flexi-Scope to take a closer look and take photos. Write down your observations in your Flexi-Scope Journal.













