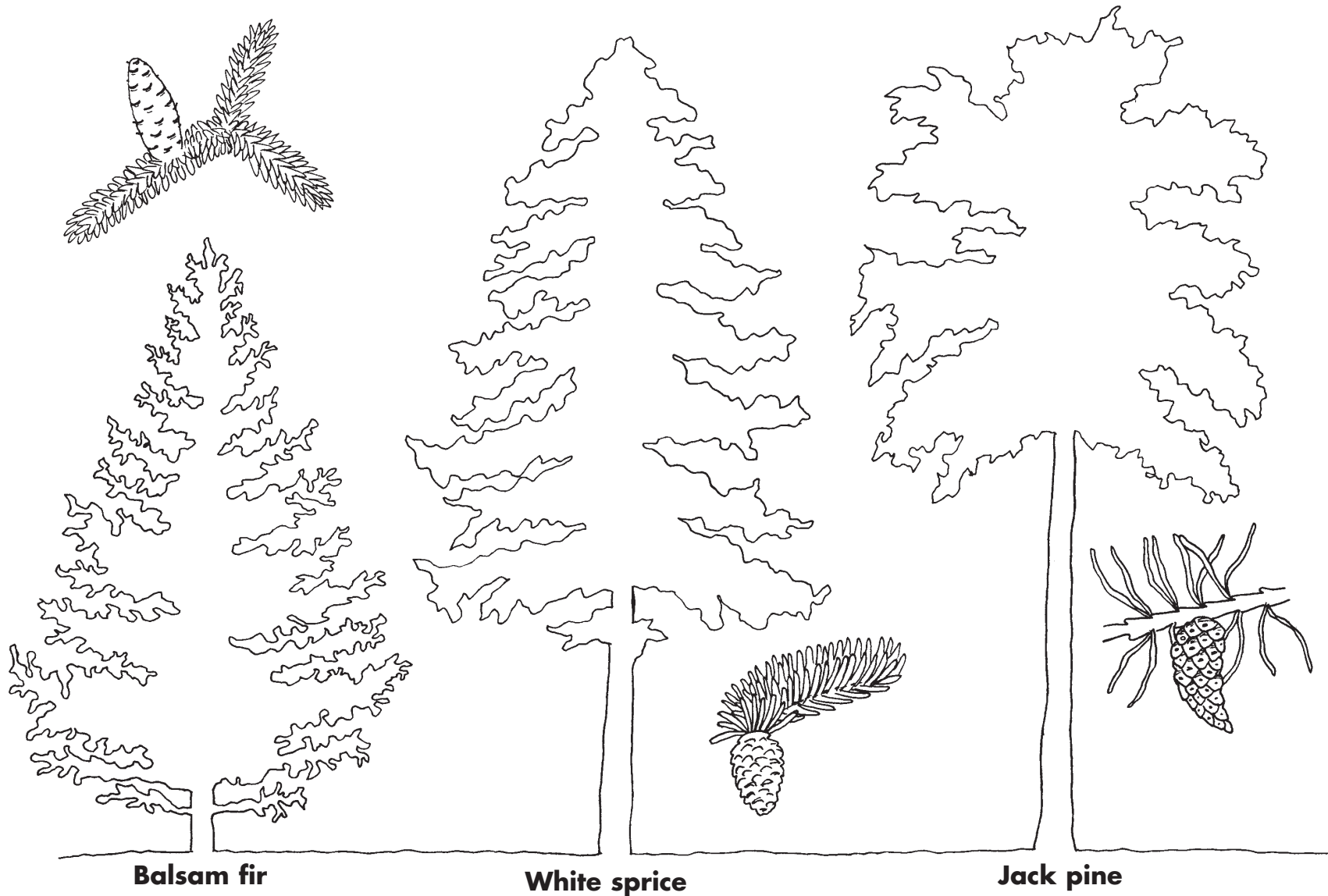


WHAT LIVES HERE? Conifers

COCHENOUR, ONTARIO—Woodland Caribou Park, Boreal forest



Most of the trees in a boreal forest are CONIFERS. The word conifer means “to bear cones”. Look at the cones of these three conifers. How do they differ? Now look at the trees. How many ways can you see that they are alike? In what ways are the trees different?

WHAT LIVES HERE? Deciduous Trees

GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE—Great Smoky Mountains Park, Eastern deciduous forest



Red Oak

Sourwood

Sugar Maple

Many of the trees in the eastern deciduous forest are **DECIDUOUS**. The word *deciduous* means "to fall off". What is it that falls from deciduous trees?

Look at these three kinds of deciduous trees. How are they alike?

Now can you see any ways they are different?

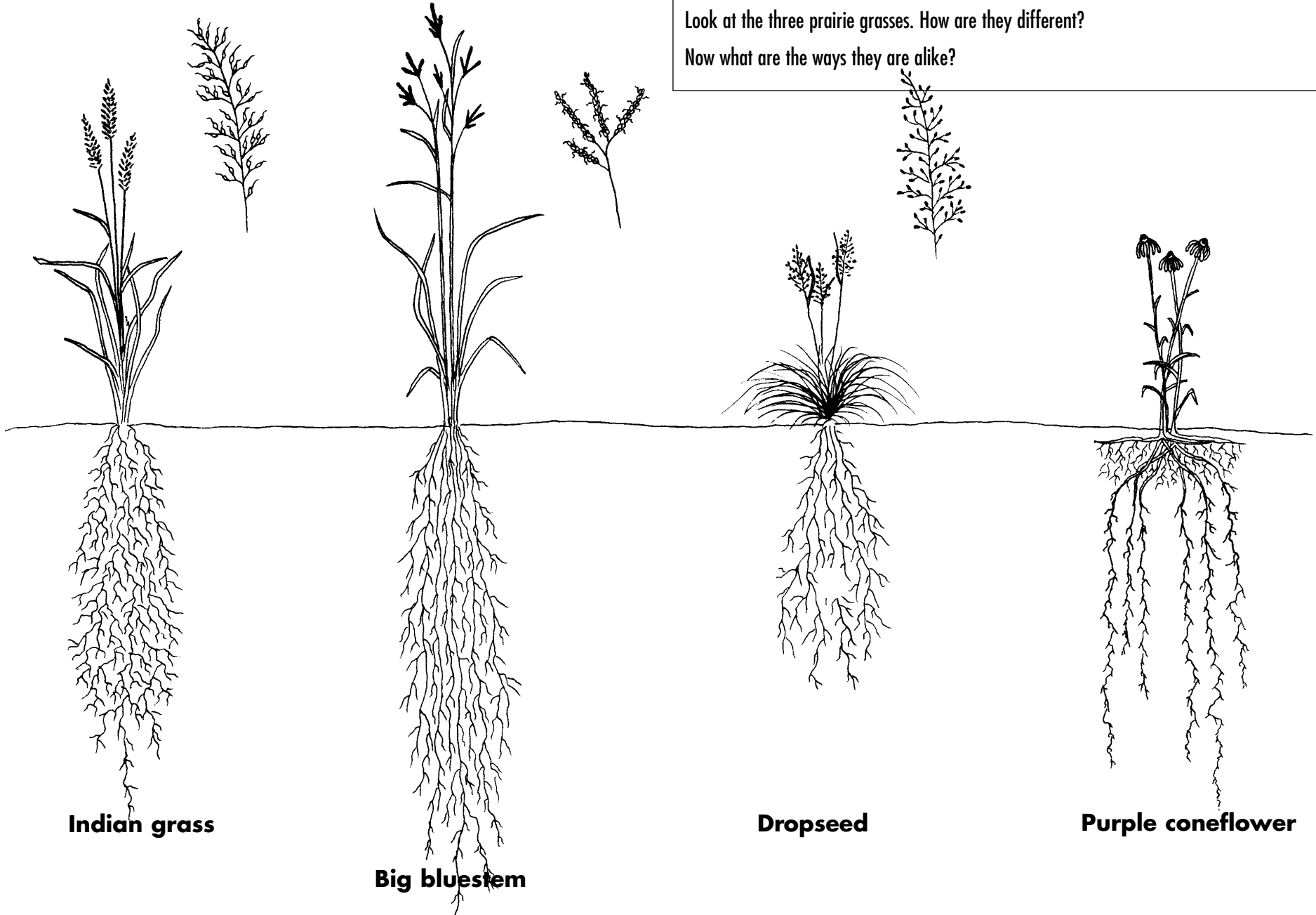
WHAT LIVES HERE? Prairie Grass

MANHATTAN, KANSAS—Konza Prairie, Prairie

Almost all the plants in a prairie are plants with soft stems, either PRAIRIE GRASSES or wildflowers. There are very few trees and shrubs with woody stems in the prairie. The word prairie comes from a word that means "to bend". What do you think bends in a prairie?

Look at the three prairie grasses. How are they different?

Now what are the ways they are alike?



Indian grass

Big bluestem

Dropseed

Purple coneflower

WHAT LIVES HERE? Cactus

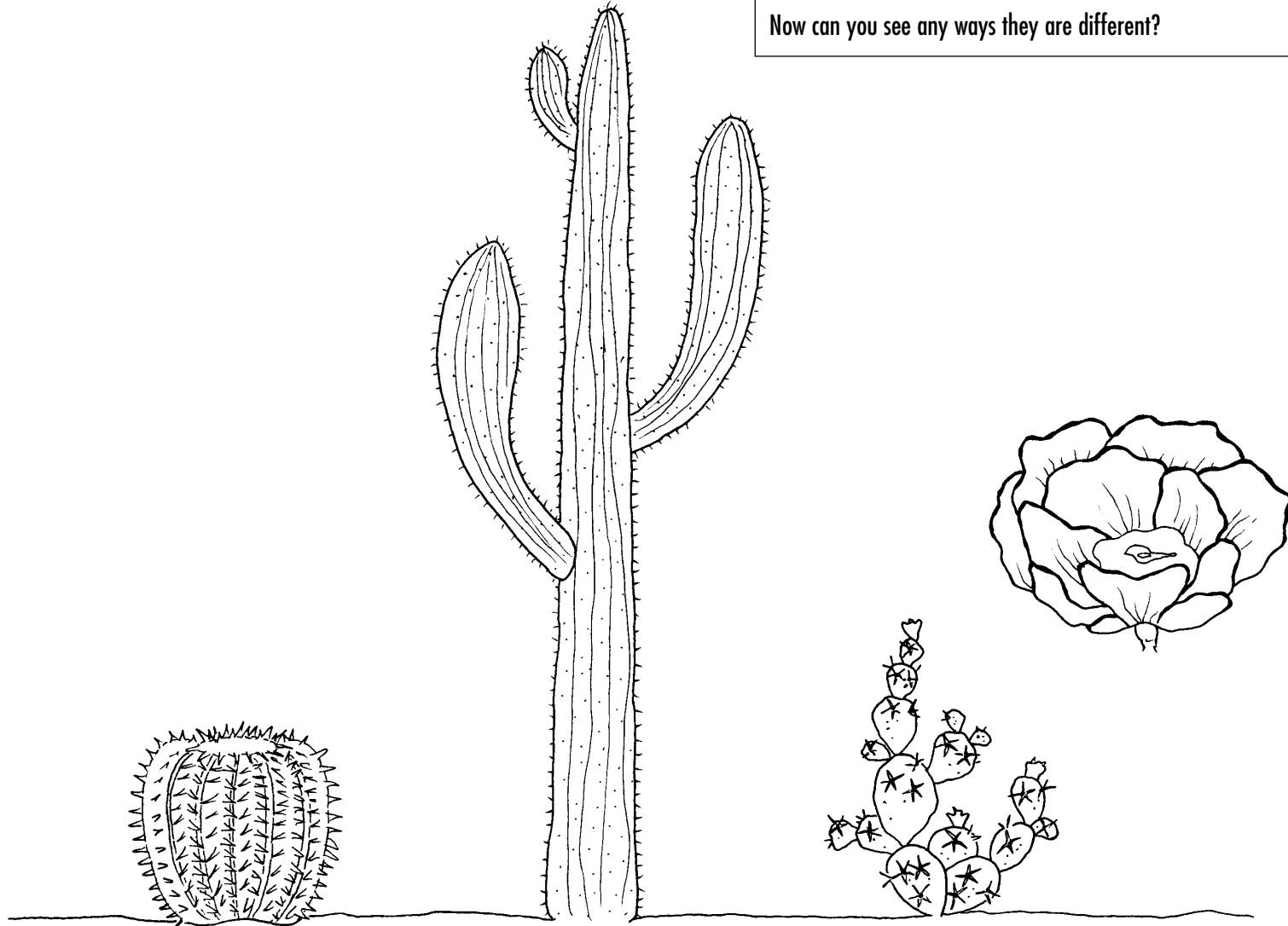
TUCSON, ARIZONA—Saguaro National Monument, Desert

Many of the plants in a desert belong to the CACTUS family.

These plants have big flowers that are often pollinated by bats or other desert creatures that are out at night when it is cooler.

Can you see any other ways that cactus plants are alike?

Now can you see any ways they are different?



Barrel cactus

Saguaro cactus

Prickly pear cactus