

Christmas Cactus

1. Watch Christmas Tree video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMmSBMoqeg&safe=active>
2. Christmas cactus are also known as _____.
3. What is the scientific name of the Christmas cactus?
4. Where does an epiphyte grow?
5. What country does the Christmas Cactus originate from?
6. True or False. In their native habitat Christmas Cactus do not grow in soil.
7. Name two suggestions to cause the Christmas Cactus to bloom.
8. Will the Christmas Cactus bloom every year or only once in its lifetime?
9. If the cactus is able to rebloom, what steps should I follow?
10. Using the information presented in the video, create a calendar sharing what a Christmas Cactus owner should do each month to care for their plant. (Include watering, fertilizing, lighting requirements and the months of blooming)
11. How many hours of darkness are required per day to force bloom? _____
12. Name three colors that a Christmas Cactus bloom may be.

13. Look at images of Christmas Cactus. Identify the following:

- a. Type of root:
- b. Type of leaf:
- c. Type of stem:

14. What life cycle does the Christmas Cactus have?

15. What is the difference between a Christmas cactus and a Thanksgiving cactus?

16. If I live in Wisconsin and purchase a Christmas Cactus in December, how should I prepare the plant for transportation to my home?