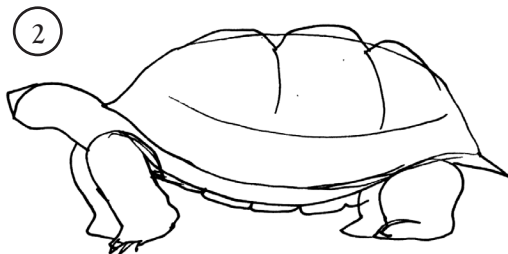
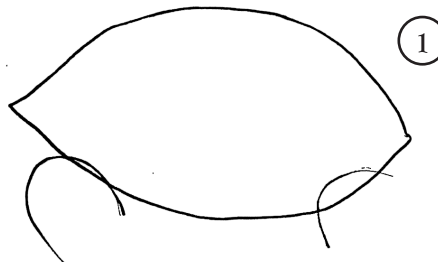


California Desert Tortoise

(*Gopherus agassizi*)

Desert Tortoises love
Prickly Pear Cactus!

Desert Tortoises have sharp claws
for digging holes, which serve as
shade in a hot, unforgiving desert.



Be careful when driving or
doing any recreational
activities in the Mojave
Desert, as one of the causes
of their quick decline is
getting crushed by cars and
ATVs.

California Desert
Tortoises are listed as
"threatened" under the
Endangered Species Act.

