

## SECTION 1 GEOGRAPHY

Use with Southwest Asia & North Africa Geography & History,  
Section 1.1, in your textbook.

# 1.1 Physical Geography

## Vocabulary Practice

### KEY VOCABULARY

- **arid** (AYR-id) adj., very dry, without rain
- **desertification** (DEHZ-er-tuh-fih-KAY-shun) n., the gradual transition from fertile to less productive land

### ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

- **reliable** (rih-LY-uh-buhl) adj., can be trusted or depended on

Write a sentence using the word *reliable* and its antonym.

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**Cause and Effect Chart** Write the definition of the Key Vocabulary words *arid* and *desertification* in your own words. Then use the chart to explain how the arid climate of the Sahara contributes to desertification.

*arid: describes a very dry place like the desert*

