

## Building Vocabulary

Nile River	rift valley	Mount Kilimanjaro
escarpment	Sahara	aquifer
oasis	Serengeti	canopy
Sahel	desertification	Niger delta
Aswan High Dam	silt	

### A. Sentence Completion

- Select the term that best completes the sentence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is Africa's highest peak.
  - An \_\_\_\_\_ is a steep slope with a nearly flat plateau on top.
  - An \_\_\_\_\_ supports vegetation and wildlife in the desert and is a critical resource for people living in this area.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the top of trees, about 150 feet above the ground.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ is a narrow band of dry grassland that runs east to west on the southern edge of the Sahara.

### B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Nile River	a. grasslands in Tanzania
_____ 2. rift valley	b. the world's longest river
_____ 3. Sahara	c. the largest desert in the world
_____ 4. aquifer	d. huge stores of underground water
_____ 5. Serengeti	e. created an artificial lake, named Lake Nasser
_____ 6. desertification	f. contains rich oil deposits in Nigeria
_____ 7. Niger delta	g. long, thin valley
_____ 8. Aswan High Dam	h. an expansion of dry conditions to moist areas that are next to deserts

### C. Writing About Geography

Imagine you are a biologist who is studying ecosystems in Africa. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a report that describes the land, animals, and vegetation of this region. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

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Sahel	Sahara	