

**Guided Reading Activity 17-2**

For use with textbook pages 427-431.

***Climate and Vegetation*****Fill In the Blanks**

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the information in your textbook to fill in the blank in each sentence.

1. In parts of this region, water evaporation rates far exceed rainfall.
2. North Africa is dominated by the Sahara, the largest desert in the world.
3. Deserts cover about 50% of North Africa, Southwest Asia, and Central Asia.
4. Northern parts of the Sahara and Arabian desert are generally colder milder than in southern parts.
5. Relatively little of the Sahara is sand; much of it is a rocky gravel called "desert pavement."
6. The southern quarter of the Arabian Peninsula is covered in sand.
7. Desert vegetation includes cacti and drought-resistant shrubs.
8. Small farms and villages may occur at a desert oasis, where there is water.
9. The climate region called steppe extends from the northern Sahara to Kazakhstan.
10. Bedouins live by pastoralism, or grazing their flocks on the grasslands.
11. A Mediterranean climate occurs along the Tigris-Euphrates valley.
12. Morocco's Mediterranean climate allows it to grow and export olives, grapes, and citrus fruits.
13. Warm Mediterranean areas attract tourists, who vacation there in winter.
14. A wet, cold highlands climate is found in the Caucasus Mountains.
15. Coastal areas near mountain ranges receive abundant rainfall carried by warm winds off the sea.
16. Climate changes have expanded the area covered by desert ~~rainfall~~.