

### Drag and Drop

*abandoned   precipitation   cultivation   fertilize   photosynthesis*

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_, green plants create organic materials with the help of chlorophyll.
2. The coastal city gets half of its \_\_\_\_\_ during the months of January, February, and March.
3. Farmers use various methods of land \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When they heard the hull crack, all but two of the sailors \_\_\_\_\_ ship.
5. Inexperienced gardeners may not realize how important it is that they \_\_\_\_\_ their plants.

### Matching

Match the left column and the right column

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|---------------------|----------------|
| _____ 1. obtain     | (a) weaken     |
| _____ 2. intensify  | (b) separate   |
| _____ 3. irrigation | (c) lose       |
| _____ 4. aggregate  | (d) drainage   |
| _____ 5. adversely  | (e) positively |

### Choose the correct answer

In countries like Niger and Mauritania, the *cultivation* of land has changed little in the past several centuries. Additionally, these countries' mono-modal rainfall pattern brings *precipitation* for only three months during the year. As a result, food production doesn't nearly meet demand.

**Bonus Structure—**  
As a result means  
"therefore," "for  
this reason."

Several agencies and organizations have *intensified* their efforts to increase the productivity of land in these countries. They have introduced new strains of seed, improved *irrigation* techniques, and introduced new methods of *fertilization* and soil management. With ample sunlight for *photosynthesis* and modern *irrigation* techniques, sustainable farming techniques should allow farmers to boost *aggregate* production in order to meet demand.

Still, crop revitalization faces an unexpected adversary: institutional incompetence. Where crop specialists have convinced individual farmers to *abandon* old farming techniques in place of new, they can't readily *obtain* the governmental cooperation they need. The biggest hurdles are political corruption, incompetence, and the absence of a marketing infrastructure.

1. In this passage, the word adversary is closest in meaning to
  - a. friend
  - b. helper
  - c. enemy
  - d. leader
2. In the last paragraph, the word they refers to
  - a. crop specialists
  - b. farmers
  - c. farming techniques
  - d. adversaries