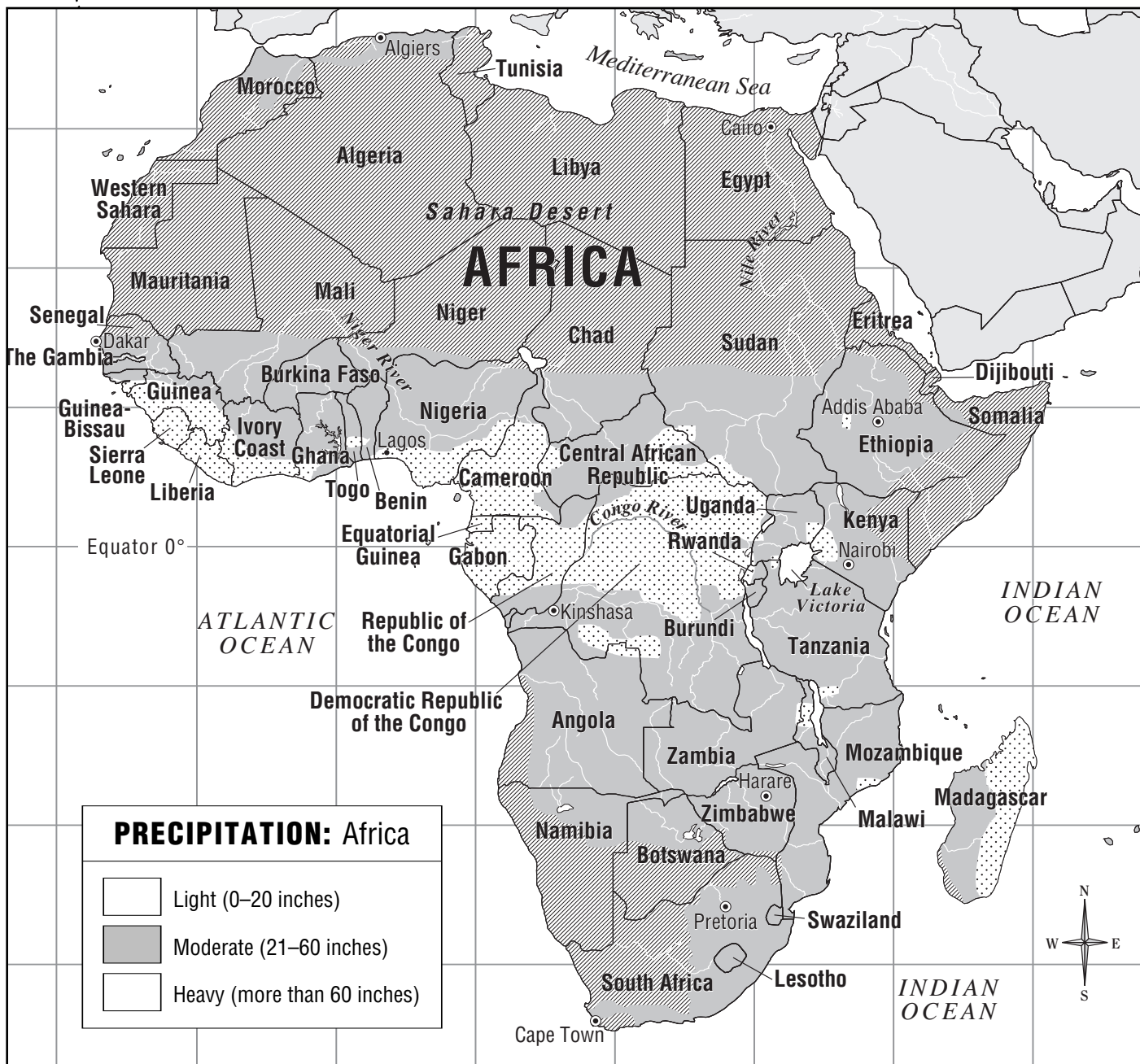


# Precipitation

## Africa

A precipitation map shows the amount of snow, rain, sleet, and hail that falls to the earth in a place on average. The greater the precipitation in a place, the wetter it is. Precipitation is one of the most important parts of climate, and it can have a great effect on the way people in a place live. For example, the crops people grow depend a great deal on the precipitation where they live.



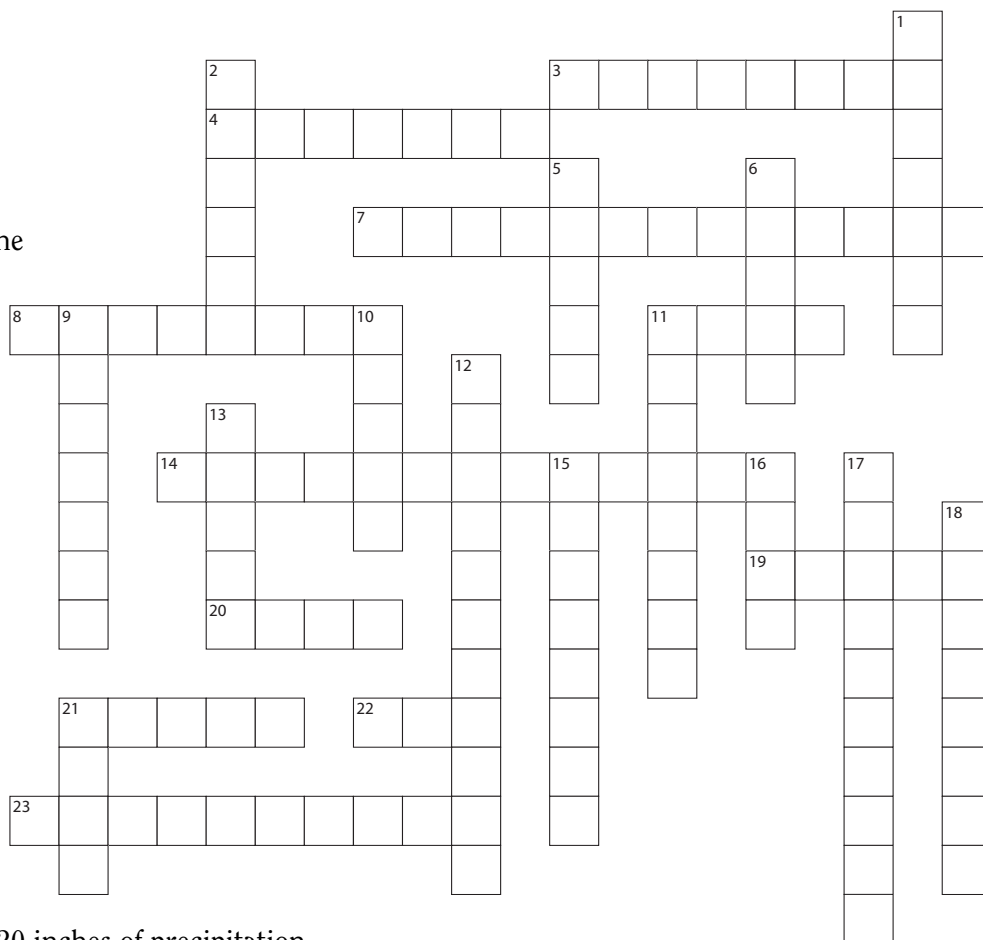
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## Across

- 3 The large lake near the center of Africa is Lake \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Along this line of 0° latitude, called the \_\_\_\_\_, are some of Africa's wettest areas.
- 7 Another word for rain and snow is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 This very southern city is in an area of moderate rainfall.
- 11 Gabon receives \_\_\_\_\_ rain than Egypt.
- 14 Most of the coast along the \_\_\_\_\_ Sea is very dry.
- 19 Areas that receive 0–20 inches of precipitation are called \_\_\_\_\_ in the key.
- 20 Annual precipitation means the amount of rain that falls in one \_\_\_\_\_.
- 21 This river carries water from Central Africa to the Atlantic.
- 22 Areas with heavy precipitation are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 23 This island off Africa has all three precipitation areas.

## Down

- 1 This capital city of Kenya is in a moderate precipitation area.
- 2 Landform often found in very dry areas.
- 5 North African country completely in a light precipitation area.
- 6 The Nile River flows right by this Egyptian city.
- 9 This city is in one of the few areas with moderate rainfall in North Africa.
- 10 Most of \_\_\_\_\_ Africa is very dry.
- 11 Areas that receive between 21 and 60 inches of precipitation are called \_\_\_\_\_ in the key.
- 12 Farming, also called \_\_\_\_\_, is difficult in areas with light precipitation.



- 13 Areas that receive more than 60 inches of precipitation are considered \_\_\_\_\_ in the key.
- 15 Along the coast of this ocean are some wet areas.
- 16 This mighty river flows north from Central Africa to the Mediterranean Sea.
- 17 The amount of rain that falls can affect the type of plants that grow, called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18 This country in East Africa has all three types of precipitation areas.
- 21 The northern part of the country of \_\_\_\_\_ is dry; the southern part has moderate rainfall.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Sahara Desert is the largest desert in the world. It covers more than 3.5 million square miles, more than ten times the size of Texas. Some parts of this dry land receive no precipitation for years at a time.