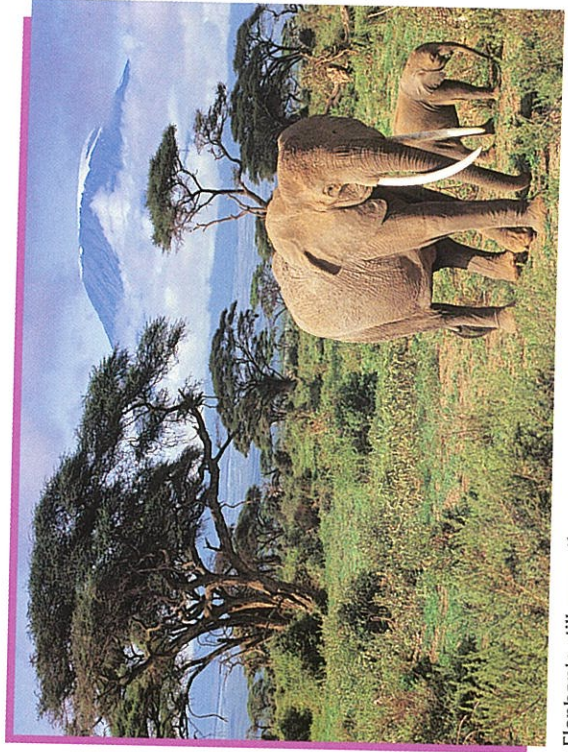


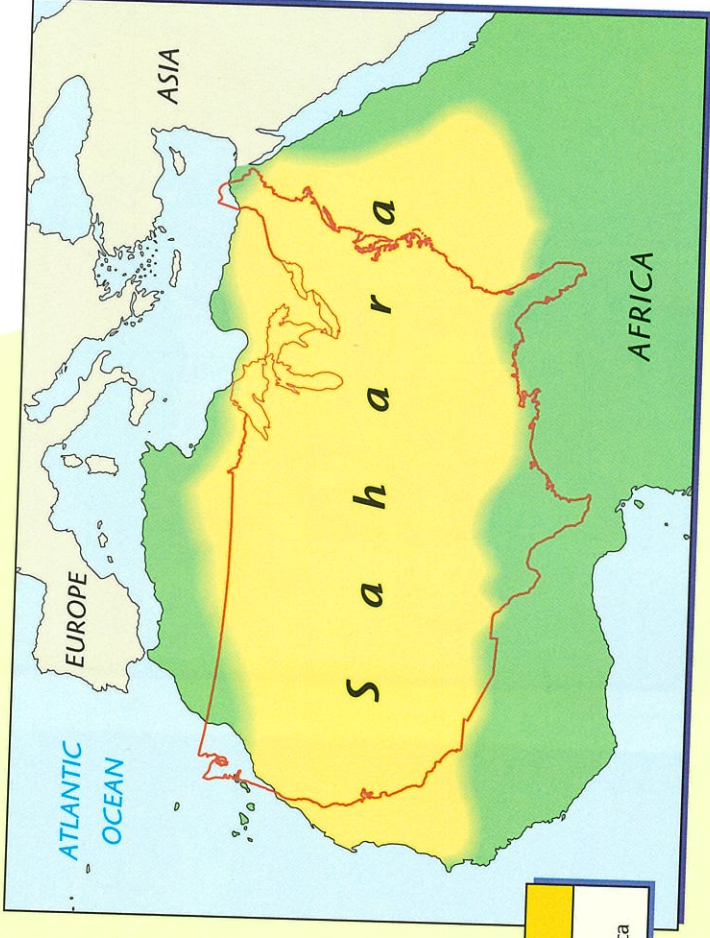
The Zambezi River drops steeply at Victoria Falls. African rivers flow from interior plateaus to the coast.



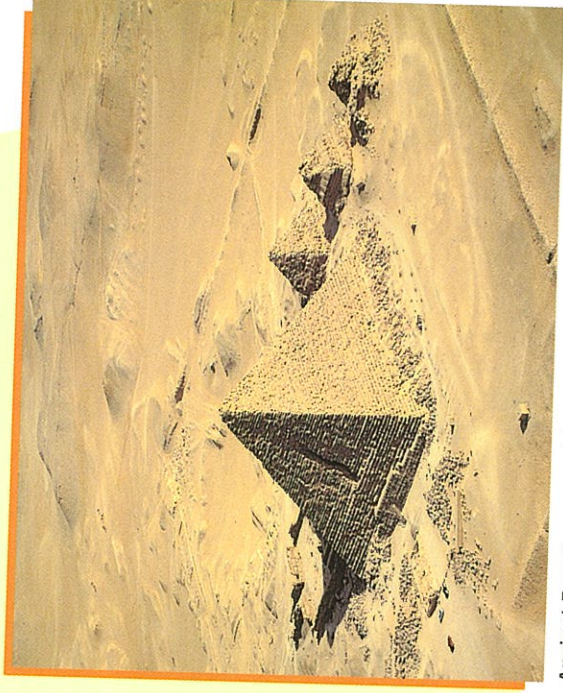
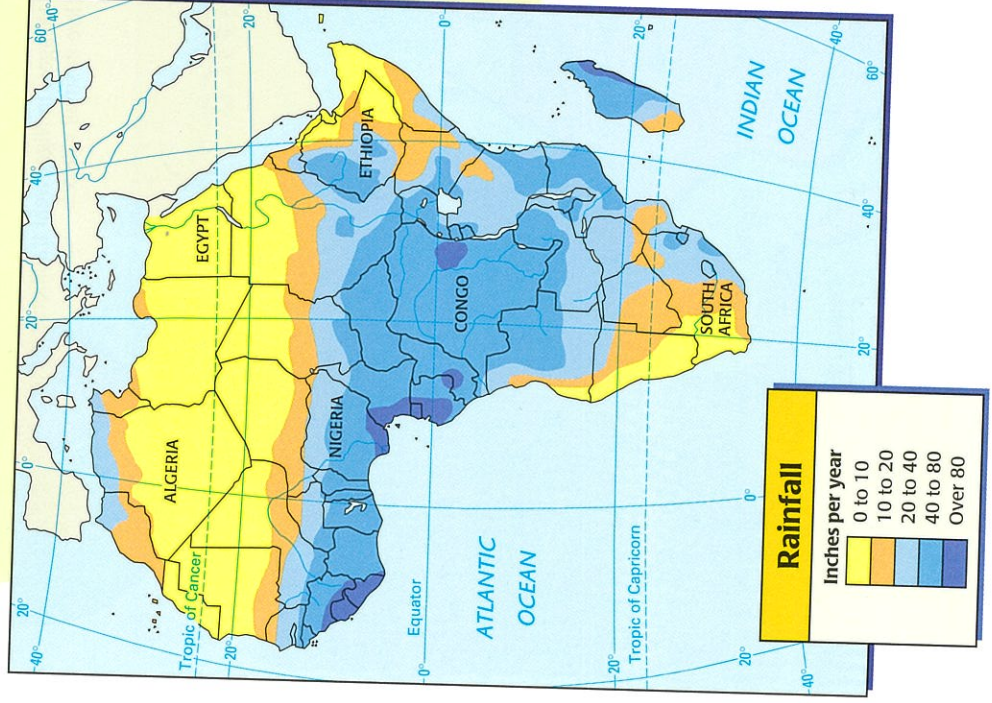
Elephants still roam the savanna near Mt. Kilimanjaro in one of Tanzania's game preserves.

## Focus on the Sahara

- In Arabic, *Sahara* means "desert."
- No other desert is close to its size. The Sahara is larger than the 48 contiguous United States.
- It is famous for sand dunes, but much of the bone-dry Sahara is stony rather than sandy.



**The Sahara**  
 Extent of Sahara  
 Non-Saharan Africa



Ancient Egyptian pyramids tower over the Sahara. For scale, find the cars in the lower left part of the picture.

### How Hot Was It?

The hottest temperature on record is 136.4°F. It was measured in the shade in the Libyan part of the Sahara. The North American record is 134°F, set in Death Valley, California.