

FOCUS ON  
**East African Drought  
of 2011**

1. Write a sentence summarizing the main idea of Chapter 2.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. If a drought affected your home, would you leave or stay? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is the name for the total amount of rain an area gets in one year?
  - A. severe drought
  - B. annual rainfall
  - C. irrigation system
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why does La Niña help cause droughts?
  - A. It causes winds that pull moisture away.
  - B. It causes animals to drink more water than usual.
  - C. It causes scientists to have trouble predicting the weather.

5. What does withered mean in this book?

*The ground was dry. Crops **withered**.*

- A. grew faster because of bright sun
- B. blew away in strong wind
- C. dried up from lack of water

6. What does scarce mean in this book?

*Many plants die. Food and water become **scarce**. Farmers struggle to grow enough to eat or sell.*

- A. very hard to find
- B. very easy to grow
- C. very big and heavy

## Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. A