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Chapter Review

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- 1. What conditions enabled the ancient speakers of the Nilo-Saharan and Afro-Asiatic languages to expand from their places of origin into the Sahara?
- 2. What conditions enabled the ancient speakers of the Niger-Congo languages to expand from their places of origin into the West (then Central) African rain forest?
- 3. To which of these language families did the ancestors of the ancient Egyptians belong? What other languages were related to the language of the ancient Egyptians?
- 4. Why do you think the ancestors of the Egyptians abandoned African cereals in favor of wheat and barley?
- 5. Was ancient Egypt an agrarian civilization? What information in this chapter supports that view?

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