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## Asian Climate Insights Answer Key

(Answers will vary. Sample responses provided.)

1. Monsoons form because land and water heat at different speeds. In summer, warm air rises over land and pulls in moist ocean air that brings heavy rain. In winter, the pattern reverses and dry winds blow from land to sea.
2. Asia is very large, so different areas receive different amounts of sunlight. Elevation, distance from oceans, and regional wind patterns also affect temperature.
3. Mountain ranges block winds and trap moisture. One side may receive heavy rainfall while the other side becomes much drier in a rain shadow.
4. Coastal areas are influenced by ocean temperatures, which change slowly. This keeps summers cooler and winters milder than inland areas.
5. Northern Asia is closer to the Arctic and receives less direct sunlight, making it colder. Southern Asia is closer to the equator and receives more direct sunlight, creating warmer climates.

### Teacher's Guide

**Purpose:** Helps students analyze and explain key climate processes across Asia using short structured responses.

### Teaching Tips

- Review concepts like elevation, latitude, and seasonal winds before students begin.
- Model one sample response that shows how to use evidence and clear reasoning.
- Encourage students to underline important climate terms such as moisture, shoreline, or sunlight.

### Engagement Ideas

- Facilitate a class discussion about surprising climate facts in Asia before writing.
- Let students compare their explanations with a partner to strengthen reasoning.