

SECTION 1 GEOGRAPHY

Use with North America Geography & History,
Section 1.4, in your textbook.

1.4 Mexico's Mountains and Plateaus

Vocabulary Practice

KEY VOCABULARY

- **peninsula** (peh-NIHN-suh-lah) n., a narrow strip of land that extends out into a body of water
- **subsistence farming** n., raising crops so that one grows only enough food to feed one's family

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY

- **modify** (MAH-dih-fie) v., to change to make something less extreme

Write a sentence using any form of the word *modify* that describes a way in which you have changed something in your daily life.

Words in Context Follow the instructions below for using the Key Vocabulary words in writing.

1. Write a sentence using the words *peninsula* and Mexico.
2. Explain how higher elevations *modify* the climate in Mexico.
3. Use any form of the word *modify* to describe the temperatures of Mesa Central.
4. Briefly describe some challenges of *subsistence farming*.
5. What crops might someone grow who is *subsistence farming* in Mexico? Why do you think so?