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adj.

1. Lacking moisture, especially having insufficient rainfall to support trees or woody plants: *an arid climate*.
2. Lacking interest or feeling; lifeless and dull: *a technically perfect but arid musical performance*.

[Latin *āridus*, from *ārēre*, to be dry; see **as-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

a·rid *i·ty* (ə-rĭd ĭ-tē), **ar id·ness** *n.*

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