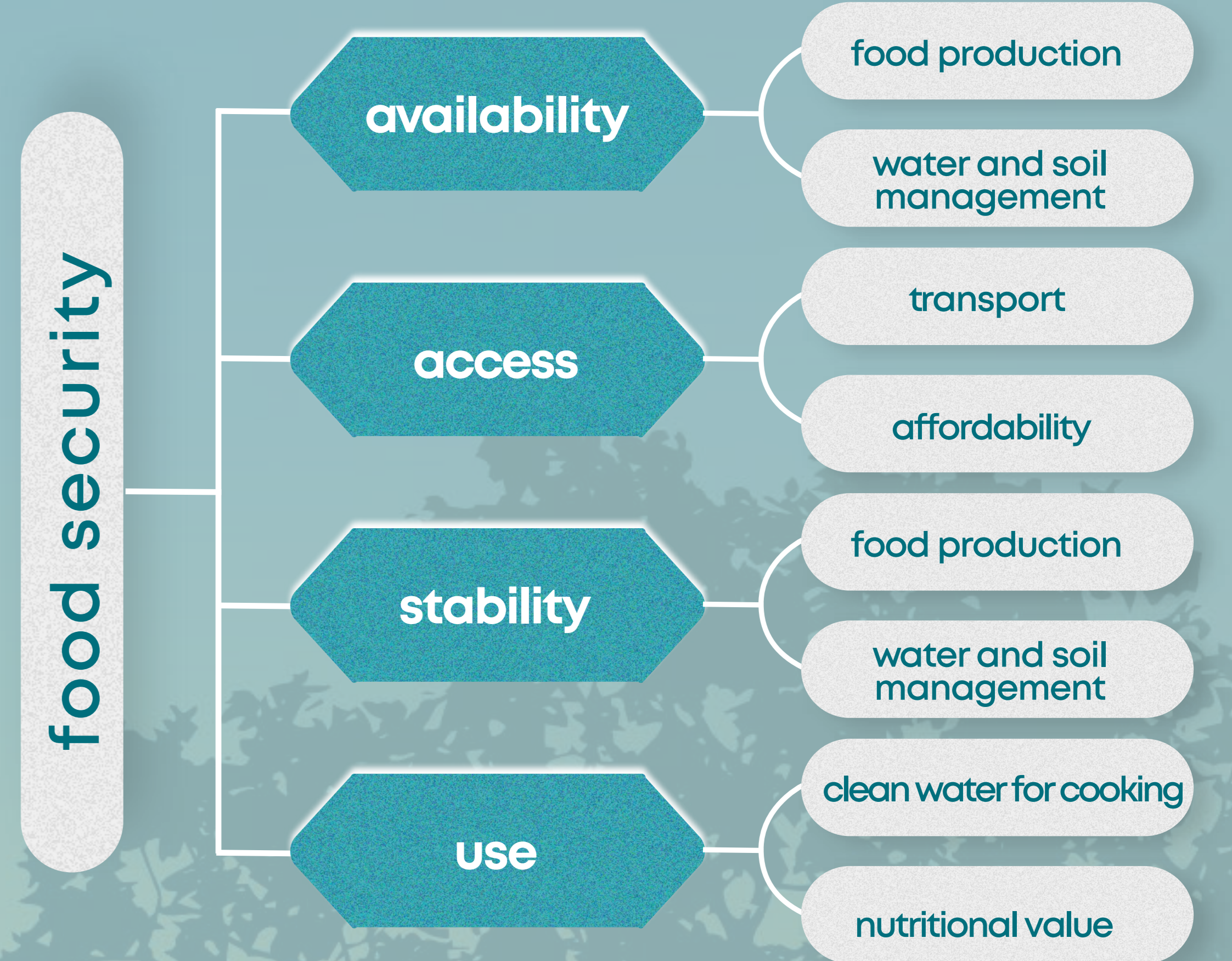


## Mansa Musa

ruler of the Ancient Kingdom of Mali, thought to be the **richest man the world has ever known**



### KEY VOCABULARY

**Homo sapiens**

our **species of modern human**: from the Latin meaning 'wise man', the term was introduced by the scientist Carl Linnaeus

**commodity**

A **raw material** or product of farming that **can be bought and sold**, e.g. salt or gold. Commodities are traded around the world.

**agriculture**

the **practice of farming**, both crops and animals

**desert**

from the Latin word meaning, 'an abandoned place', deserts are regions of **land that receive very little precipitation**, e.g. rain (it is hard for plants, animals and people to live in desert areas)

**desertification**

a process where **fertile land becomes desert**: this can be as a result of drought, deforestation or over farming (farmers cannot grow crops or graze animals on desert land)

**biodiversity**

the **variety of plants and animals** within a habitat

**food insecurity**

a situation where people within a country, or region, are **unable to access, or afford, enough nutritious food**

**colonialism**

the practice of **taking control of another country**, then holding political and economic power over that country

## desertification:

