Hot and cold deserts

What are deserts?

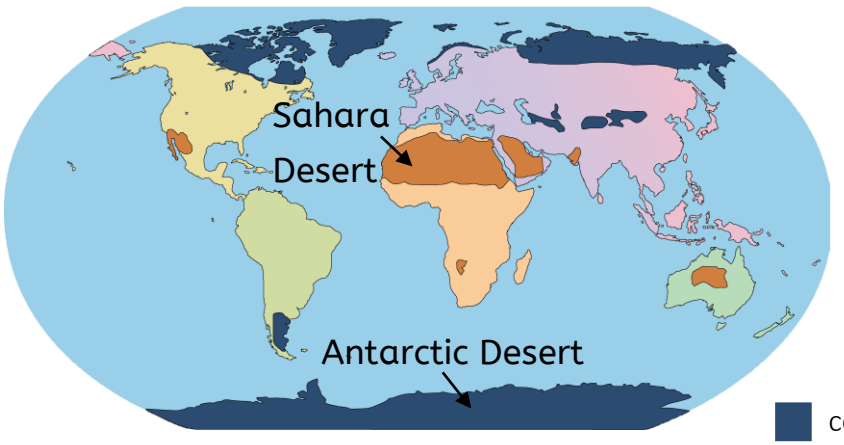
Deserts are places with very little **precipitation**.

They have a very dry **climate**.

Deserts can be hot and dry, or cold and dry.

- **precipitation**: The fall of water as rain, sleet, snow or hail.
- **climate**: The long-term summary of the weather conditions.

Where are deserts found?



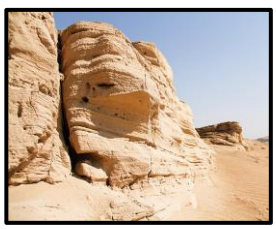
Deserts are found in all continents of the world.

Most hot deserts are near the **Equator**.

Most cold deserts are near the **North Pole** or **South Pole**.

What are hot and cold deserts like?

Hot deserts can have:



rocks

sand dunes
(hills made of sand)

small settlements

an oasis
(a place where water is found)

Cold deserts can have:

mountains

ice sheets
(layers of ice that cover the land for a long time)

research stations
(Antarctic)

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