

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**.

- cold deserts
- hot deserts

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)