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Hot Desert, Cold Desert

Deserts are very, very dry places. They are found in many parts of the world. Deserts are not all the same. The Sahara and the Gobi are two deserts. Summers in the Sahara are windy and hot. Winters there are cool. In the Gobi, summers are warm, and winters are windy and very cold. Few plants grow in the Gobi. In contrast, grasses, bushes, and trees grow in parts of the Sahara. The longest river in the world flows through the Sahara. Almost all the water in the Gobi is underground.

The Sahara and Gobi are alike in some ways. People who raise animals live in each desert. In the Gobi, some people ride camels. So do some people in the Sahara. The soils in each desert are similar. Both deserts have sand and rocks. Many people think these deserts are beautiful.