

DESERT DISTRIBUTION REFERENCE

Geography & Earth Science | Quick Reference Sheet

Student Name: _____

DESERT NAME	LOCATION / CONTINENT	TYPE	APPROX. AREA (KM ²)
Antarctic	Antarctica	Polar Ice	14,200,000
Arctic	Arctic Circle (N. America/Asia)	Polar Ice	13,900,000
Sahara	Northern Africa	Subtropical	9,200,000
Arabian	Western Asia	Subtropical	2,330,000
Gobi	East Asia (China/Mongolia)	Cold Winter	1,295,000
Kalahari	Southern Africa	Subtropical	900,000
Great Victorian	Australia	Subtropical	647,000
Patagonian	South America (Argentina)	Cold Winter	673,000
Chihuahuan	North America (Mexico/USA)	Subtropical	501,000
Atacama	South America (Chile/Peru)	Coastal	105,000

Notes: Desert types are classified by atmospheric location and temperature profiles. Area figures are approximate estimates.