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Cold deserts! When we think of deserts we generally have in mind hot deserts, the best example being the Sahara. But there are also cold deserts and ice deserts. Cold deserts have an average yearly temperature near the freezing point, though their short summers may be hot. The best example is the Gobi, in central Asia. Its desert condition is caused by its distance from the seas and by its high mountain barriers cutting off moist winds. But the Gobi has dry winds blowing with great violence, impregnating everything with sand, and often making traveling impossible. Ice deserts are regions of permanent ice such as Greenland and Antarctica.

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