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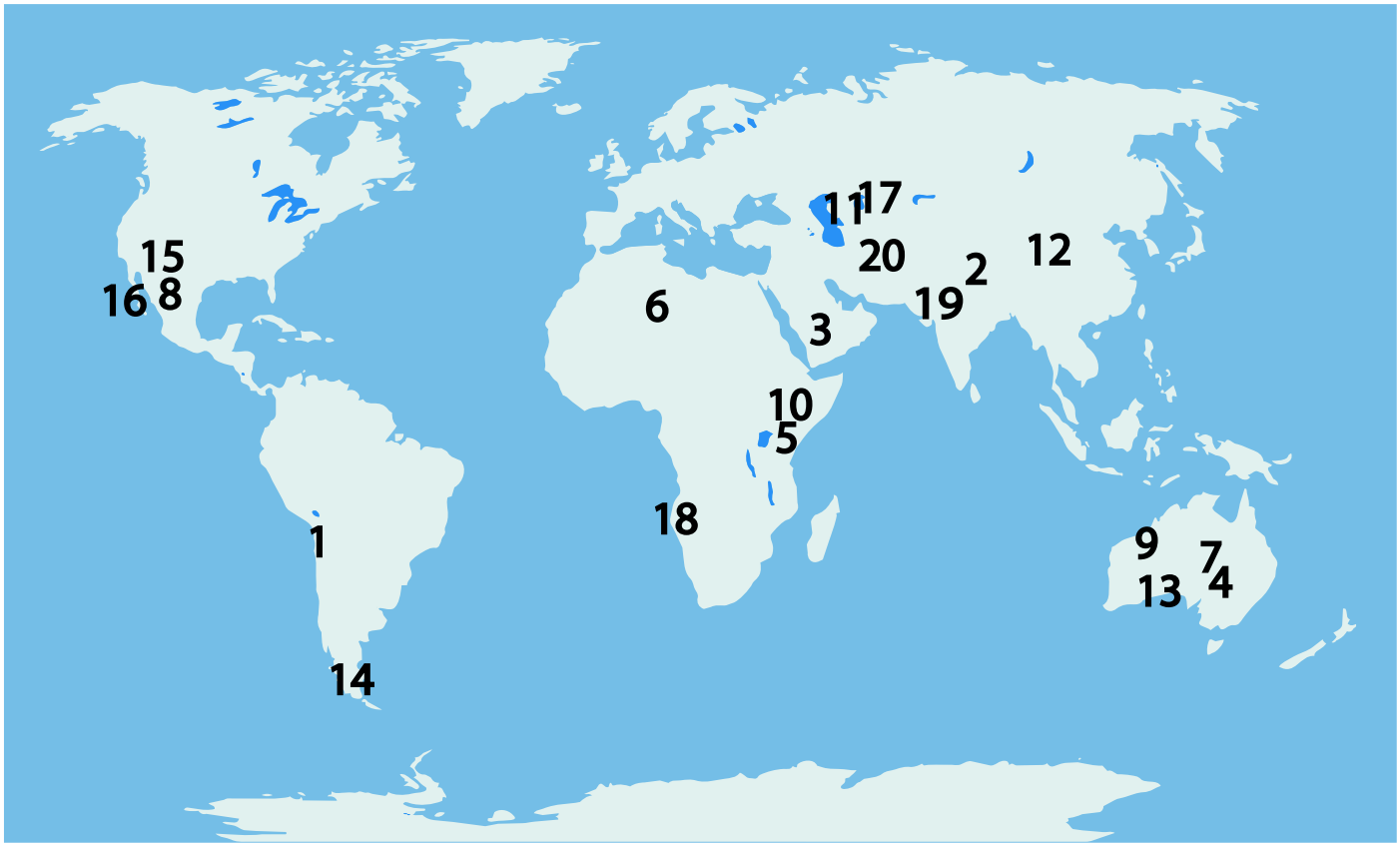
Non-Polar Deserts

Non-polar deserts are arid or semi-arid regions outside of the polar circles that receive 25 cm (10 inches) or less of annual precipitation. Unlike polar deserts—which are locked in ice-cap or freezing climates—non-polar deserts span subtropical, temperate, and coastal zones and can experience very hot or cold temperatures.

Only deserts greater than 50,000 km2 (19,300 sq mi) are included.

Can you identify the 20 Deserts numerically marked on this world map?



3	Arabian Desert	20	Great Salt Desert	17	Kyzylkum Desert	4	Simpson Desert
1	Atacama Desert	9	Great Sandy Desert	15	Mojave Desert	16	Sonoran Desert
5	Chalbi Desert	13	Great Victoria Desert	10	Ogaden Desert	2	Taklamakan Desert
8	Chihuahuan Desert	18	Kalahari Desert	14	Patagonian Desert	7	Tanami Desert
12	Gobi Desert	11	Karakum Desert	6	Sahara Desert	19	Thar Desert

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