

The Galapagos Islands

Ecuador

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WHAT? islands

WHERE? Pacific Ocean

WHAT? wildlife

WHAT KIND? strange, unique

WHO? Charles Darwin

WHY? to study the wildlife

WHO? tourists

WHY? to see the wildlife

A. Where's Igor?

(rrrrring)

Igor: Hello.

You: Hello. Where are you?

Igor: I'm in the Galapagos Islands.

You: Really, what are you doing?

Igor: I'm looking at strange birds and animals.

You: Interesting?

Igor: Yes, very interesting, but I'm going to start ... running.

You: What's happening!

Igor: A ... very ... large ... iguana ... is ... (click)

B. Do you know these words?

unique _____

powerful _____

to fly _____

to weigh _____

a lizard _____

to develop _____

evolution _____

near _____

to bother _____

a threat _____

C. Read.

The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean. They are on the equator, 600 miles from the coast of Ecuador. They were formed by an underwater volcano. Strange and unique birds and animals live there. There is a bird, the cormorant. It is big and powerful. It dives for fish but it cannot fly. There are huge tortoises. They weigh over 500 pounds! And there are thousands of lizards called iguanas. Charles Darwin came here many years ago to study the Islands' wildlife. His studies helped him develop his ideas about evolution.

Today, many tourists visit the islands all year. They walk around and near the animals. They are careful not to bother the animals. However, tourism can be a threat to the unique wildlife of the islands. (128)

D. Match the two parts of the sentence.

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| 1. ____ The Galapagos Islands | A. cannot fly. |
| 2. ____ They are 600 miles | B. visit the islands. |
| 3. ____ They were formed | C. is a threat. |
| 4. ____ The strange cormorant | D. from the coast. |
| 5. ____ It dives | E. are huge. |
| 6. ____ The tortoises | F. for fish. |
| 7. ____ Many tourists | G. by a volcano. |
| 8. ____ Tourism | H. are in the Pacific. |

E. Write the answer.

1. What are the Galapagos? _____
2. Where are they? _____
3. Who comes here? _____
4. Why do they come? _____
5. How often do they come? _____

F. Grammar check. Use: *They or There.*

1. _____ are 13 main islands.
2. _____ are 600 miles from the coast.
3. _____ are many strange animals there.
4. _____ are hundreds of tortoises on the islands.
5. _____ are huge.
6. _____ are thousands of lizards.
7. _____ are called iguanas.

G. Word check. Fill in the blanks. Use these words: *unique, powerful, fly, weigh, lizard, developed, evolution, bother, threatens*

1. The cormorant can swim and dive, but it cannot _____.
2. The tortoises _____ a lot.
3. The iguana is a strange looking _____, and it is a very _____ swimmer.
4. Please don't _____ the animals.
5. Too much tourism _____ the wildlife.
6. They _____ a program to protect the wildlife.
7. Darwin developed the theory of _____.
8. Most of the wildlife on the islands is _____.

H. Listen and write.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

I. Writing check.

Write a postcard to a friend about the Galapagos Islands.

POSTCARD
BABY FRIGATE
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J. Pronunciation practice.

Big birds there.
And lizards, too.
And lizards, too!
They're very, very big
They're very, very old!
The Galapagos Islands.
And waiting for you!
The Galapagos.

Strange birds there.
And lizards, too?
And how about tortoises?
and very, very old.
In the Galapagos?
They're waiting there.
They're waiting for us!
The Galapagos.

K. Group conversations.

Would you like to visit Galapagos? Why?

What kind of animals do you like?

Where do they live?

Is a zoo a good place for animals?

L. It's Igor, isn't it?

(rrrrring)

Igor: Diga!

Maria: Igor?

Igor: Maria?

Maria: Igor, how have you been? And where?

Igor: I've been to another world.

Maria: What do you mean?

Igor: The Galapagos. Fantastic place!

Maria: So I've heard. You're so lucky.

Igor: Well, uh, sort of.

Maria: Oh?

Igor: Yeah. I ate something bad.

Maria: Oh. Diarrhea?

Igor: Yeah. Uh, oh, Maria. I've got to go!

M. Check the Internet: < www.worldwildlife.org/galapagos>