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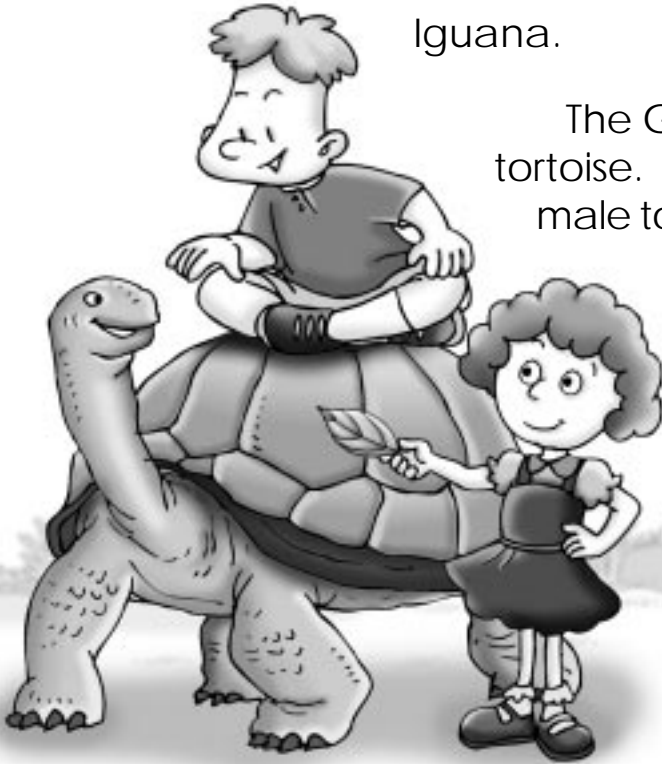
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Creatures of the Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands are located approximately 950 kilometres off the coast of South America. These islands are famous for their unique vegetation and wildlife. Two of the unusual creatures found on these islands are the Galapagos Tortoise and the Marine Iguana.



The Galapagos Tortoise is the largest living tortoise. It has a huge shell made of bone. A male tortoise can grow to be over one metre long and can have a mass of over 200 kilograms. It can effortlessly carry a full-grown adult on its back. This slow-moving reptile has elephant-like feet with short toes. The Galapagos Tortoise is a herbivore that eats prickly pear cactus and fruits, water ferns, leaves, and grasses. During the day, this animal can typically be found basking in the hot sun or cooling itself in a lake or under a shady tree. A

Galapagos Tortoise has another amazing characteristic. It can live to be 100 to 150 years old.

Another extraordinary animal found on the rocky shoreline of the Galapagos Islands is the Marine Iguana. This reptile is the only sea-going lizard in the world. It has razor-sharp teeth and long claws. It can grow to approximately one

metre in length. The Marine Iguana feeds on marine algae and seaweed found on either exposed rocks or in the cold seawater. The Marine Iguana spends much of its day lying in the sun warming its body and then diving into the ocean to find something to eat.



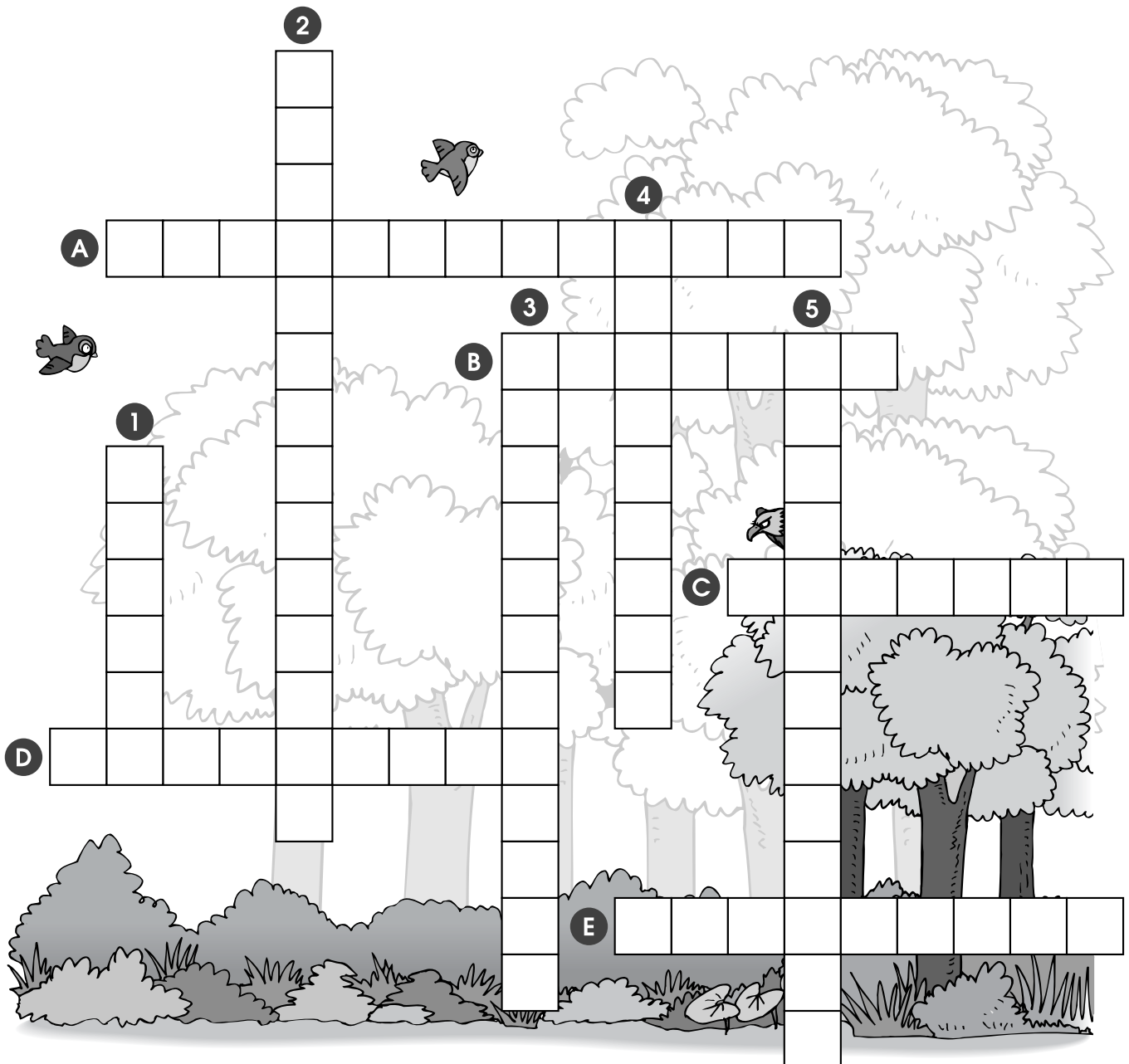
A. Use the underlined words in the passage to complete the crossword puzzle.

Across

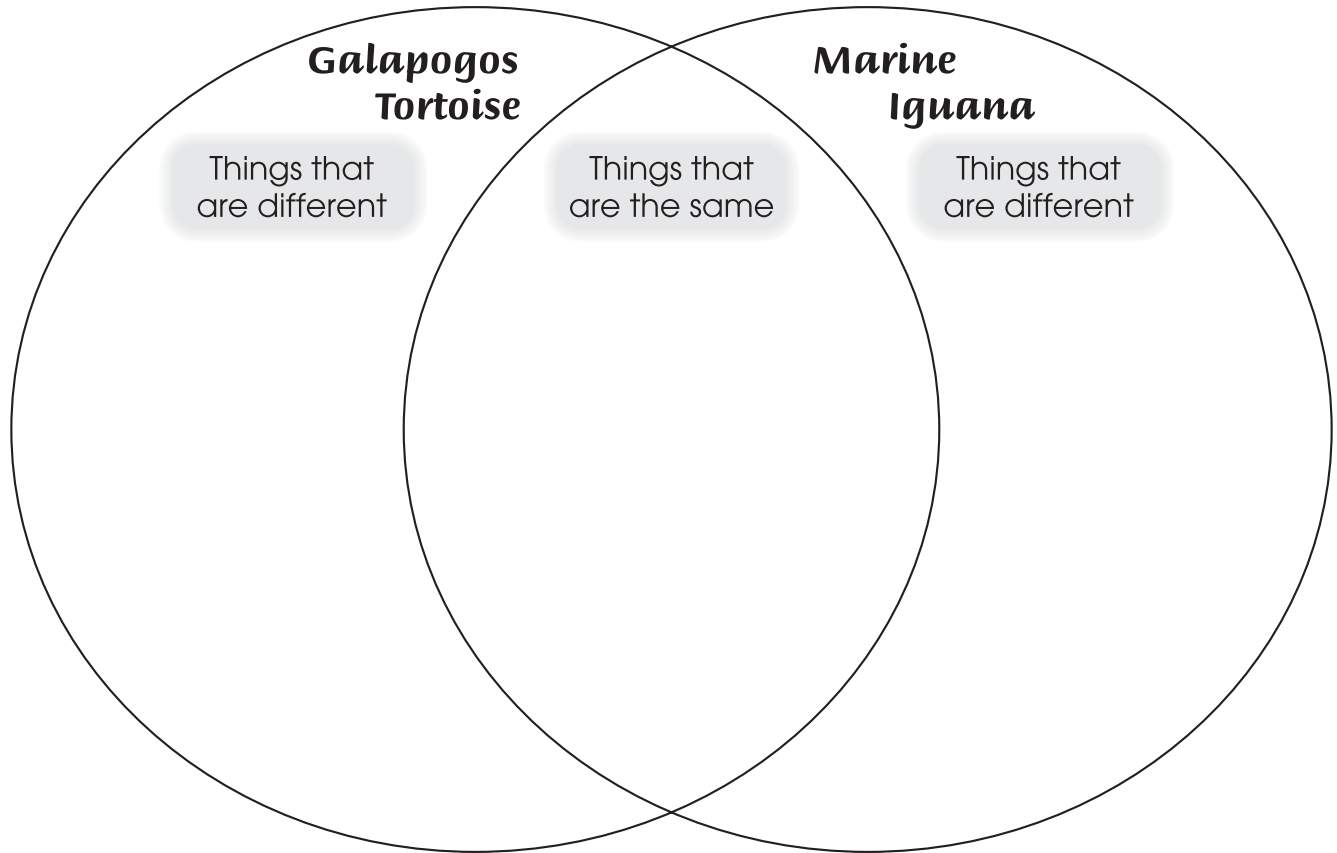
- A. not exactly
- B. uncovered, without protection
- C. lying in warmth and sunshine
- D. an animal that feeds mainly on plants
- E. any living persons or animals

Down

- 1. having no like or equal
- 2. feature that makes something recognizable
- 3. involving little or no effort
- 4. representing a particular type of person or thing
- 5. different from others



B. Using the information found in the passage, complete the following Venn Diagram.



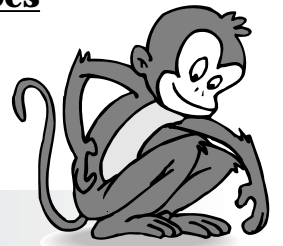
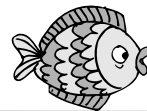
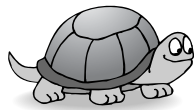
C. Using the information from the Venn Diagram, write two paragraphs to show how the Galapagos Tortoise and the Marine Iguana are alike and different. Title your work. The first sentence is done for you.

The Galapagos Tortoise and the Marine Iguana are alike and different in many ways.

First they are alike because _____

They are different because _____

D. Read the words in each row. Cross out the word which does not belong and, on the line below, give the reason. Write a new word that does belong in the list.



1. turtle iguana fish monkey

Reason _____

New Word _____

2. Cuba Jamaica Galapagos Canada

Reason _____

New Word _____

3. ocean park river pond

Reason _____

New Word _____

4. shoe crown wig helmet

Reason _____

New Word _____

