

## Amazing Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands are famous because they are full of amazing animals. Many of these animals are not found anywhere else in the world. The animals are not afraid of people so visitors can get very close to them.

### Where are the Islands?

The Galapagos Islands are in the Pacific Ocean. They are on the Equator. The Equator is an imaginary line running around the middle of the Earth. It divides the Earth into North and South.



large hard shell



Giant Tortoise

### What is the weather like?

The Galapagos Islands are very hot. The temperature is often above 40 degrees.

### Giant Tortoises

The most famous Galapagos animals are the Giant Tortoises. These huge tortoises can be over one metre long. They eat leaves, fruit and grass. They can live for more than 100 years.

### Blue-footed Boobies

Blue-footed Boobies have blue webbed feet. Their name comes from the Spanish word 'bobo', which means stupid. They got their name because they look clumsy when they are walking on land.

Many people visit the Galapagos Islands every year to see the amazing animals.

brown feathers



Blue-footed Booby

## ? Comprehension

### A Answer the questions.

1. What is special about the animals on the Galapagos Islands?
2. What is the Equator?
3. What is the weather like on the Galapagos Islands?
4. How long can Giant Tortoises live?
5. How did Blue-footed Boobies get their name?
6. What would you like to see if you visited the Galapagos?



★ Would you like to visit the Galapagos Islands? Why or why not?

### B Complete the activities.

1. Invent an unusual animal. Draw and label a picture of it.
2. Write two sentences for a report about animals. Choose any animal and include a heading, two sentences and a picture.



## a b c Vocabulary

### Match each word with its meaning.

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|-------------|------------------------------|
| islands     | wonderful                    |
| famous      | land surrounded by water     |
| amazing     | the planet we live on        |
| Earth       | how hot or cold something is |
| temperature | awkward                      |
| clumsy      | well-known                   |

★ Find another word that means **amazing**.