

Hello dear children! I missed you a lot and I missed our lovely English lessons together!!! But now our priority (προτεραιότητα) is to stay home and stay safe! In order to keep in touch and practice our English, from time to time I will be sending you some interesting reading activities. You don't have to print anything, just write down your answers on a notebook or a piece of paper, so you can check them when I send you the answers with the next activity.

If there is something you don't understand, don't worry about it, just don't do it till I send you the answers!

With lots of love,
Mrs Yiota 💕

FIRST ACTIVITY: Read the text about giant Tortoises.



The Galapagos Islands in the **Pacific Ocean** are home to the **giant tortoise**. These tortoises are **massive**, weighing nearly five hundred pounds. However, giant tortoises do not use much energy.

They often rest for up to sixteen hours a day. And when there is little water, giant tortoises might sleep for weeks at a time. This helps them save energy. Giant tortoises can live up to a year without food or water if they have to!

Life has not always been easy for giant tortoises, though. When people first arrived at the Galápagos Islands hundreds of years ago, they took many of the tortoises away. And some people hunted the tortoises for food and oil. Few tortoises are left on the island today. Luckily, many groups of people are now working to keep these giant animals safe. Hopefully, giant tortoises can **roam** the islands for many years to come.

1. Using a dictionary (or online) try to find the meaning of the highlighted words in the text.

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Now circle the right answer each time:

2. When might a giant tortoise sleep for weeks at a time?

- a. When there is not much water
- b. When the tortoise is growing quickly
- c. When it is cold outside

3. Based on the text, what happened to many of the giant tortoises?

- a. They didn't have enough food to live
- b. They were hunted or taken off the island
- c. They were kept in zoos in the Galapagos Islands

4. What is the meaning of << massive>> as used in the text?

- a. full of life
- b. shy and quiet
- c. large

5. Now follow the link below to find out a few more interesting facts about the Galapagos Islands. While watching the video try to concentrate on the following:

- a. What's the reason the Galapagos Islands are unique in the world?
- b. Why aren't the animals afraid of people in the Galapagos Islands?

<https://youtu.be/5bRytBQz3cg>

▶▶▶ **5th Grade:** You don't have to answer the questions of ex5 in writing!!!

▶▶▶ **6th Grade:** On exercise 5 just write short answers (2-3) lines, **either in English or in Greek (whatever is easier for you)!!!** This exercise's purpose is to practice your listening skills and not your writing! 🗣️