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## **Level 0**

# **Galapagos tortoises out of danger**

**1st November, 2014**

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141101-galapagos-tortoises-0.html>

Giant Galapagos tortoises were in danger. There were only 15 of them in the 1960s. They were dying because wild goats ate their food. Conservationists helped them. Now, there are over 1,000 living in the wild. It is a success story for nature. Many tortoises can now live without our help.

There were 250,000 giant tortoises 500 years ago. Hunters almost killed them all. Giant tortoises can weigh 250kg and live for 100 years. One lived for 170 years. Giant tortoises live very simple lives. They can nap for 16 hours a day. Next year, a small island will get 200 tortoises. This could be another success story.

Sources: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/animals/stories/near-extinct-galapagos-island-tortoises-make-comeback#ixzz3HbOxXYbU>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Galapagos tortoises were in  | a. living in the wild   |
| 2. There were only 15           | b. 1960s                |
| 3. in the                       | c. them                 |
| 4. They were dying because wild | d. of them              |
| 5. Conservationists helped      | e. help                 |
| 6. there are over 1,000         | f. danger               |
| 7. It is a success story        | g. goats ate their food |
| 8. live without our             | h. for nature           |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. There were 250,000 giant tortoises | a. 250kg              |
| 2. Hunters almost killed              | b. get 200 tortoises  |
| 3. Giant tortoises can weigh          | c. for 16 hours a day |
| 4. live for                           | d. 500 years ago      |
| 5. Giant tortoises live very          | e. story              |
| 6. They can nap                       | f. simple lives       |
| 7. a small island will                | g. them all           |
| 8. This could be another success      | h. 100 years          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Giant Galapagos (1) \_\_\_\_\_ danger. There were only (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the 1960s. They were dying because (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their food. Conservationists helped them. Now, there are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the wild. It is a success story for nature. Many tortoises can now live (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

There (6) \_\_\_\_\_ giant tortoises 500 years ago. Hunters (7) \_\_\_\_\_ all. Giant tortoises can weigh 250kg and live for 100 years. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 170 years. Giant tortoises live very simple lives. They (9) \_\_\_\_\_ hours a day. Next year, a small island will get 200 tortoises. This (10) \_\_\_\_\_ success story.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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cessstory.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

