

Galápagos Islanders Aim to Control Tourism, Mosquitoes



Use the News

Comprehension Check

Write T on the line next to each true statement. Write F next to each statement that is false.

- _____ 1. The Galápagos Islands get their name from the Spanish word that means *insect*.
- _____ 2. The Galápagos Islands are home to 161,000 giant tortoises.
- _____ 3. One of the most welcomed things that tourists bring to the Galápagos is money.
- _____ 4. Unwelcome insects travel to the islands on boats and planes.
- _____ 5. The southern house mosquito killed off many plants in Hawaii.
- _____ 6. Trash and sewage are two problems that tourists bring to the islands.
- _____ 7. All tourists must be led by a trained guide.
- _____ 8. A Galápagos tortoise can weigh more than 600 pounds.

Vocabulary Builder

In each sentence, color the circle next to the word that means nearly the same as the word in **bold type**.

- 1. Animals of the Galápagos Islands might be harmed by **tourists** and insects.
 a. visitors b. citizens c. species d. tortoises
- 2. People on the islands **welcome** visitors because they bring money needed for a good life.
 a. check b. count c. greet d. stop
- 3. Galápagos leaders voted to **control** the number of tourists who can visit the islands.
 a. govern b. copy c. limit d. celebrate
- 4. Sewage is left to **seep** into the ground and the sea.
 a. break b. ooze c. fly d. snooze
- 5. Scientists **fear** that the mosquitoes could end up harming the island's tortoises.
 a. scream b. allow c. experiment d. worry

Main Idea

Draw an X on the line before the statement that best tells the *main idea* of the News for You story.

- _____ Mosquitoes carry diseases that can harm animals and other living things.
- _____ The Galápagos Islands are named for an animal that lives on the islands.
- _____ Growing tourism and unwelcome mosquitoes could change the Galápagos forever.
- _____ The population of tortoises on the islands has dropped from 300,000 to 3,000.