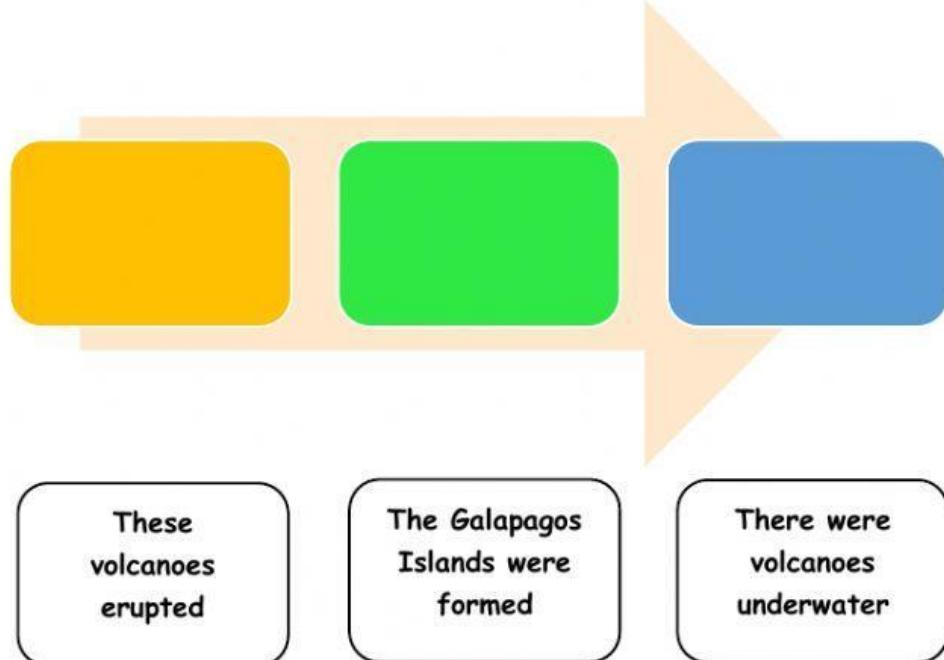




# CLIMATE AND TOPOGRAPHY OF THE GALAPAGOS

1. Locate in the right place a sequence suggesting how the islands of the archipelago were created underwater



2. Read the text and choose T (true) or F (false) at the following sentences.

## Water shortage in the Galapagos

"A lack of water defines the unique ecosystems of the Galapagos. The giant turtles can survive without water for a year; Darwin's finches wait for the rains before mating; the palo santo trees lose their leaves in droughts; and the sea lions drink the water of the fish.

With the exception of San Cristóbal Island, on which the Junco lagoon is found, there are almost no natural water sources for agricultural or domestic use. So, how can a water supply be guaranteed, and at the same time maintain the integrity of the natural ecosystems and the health of the population?"

Ministerio del Ambiente, Parque Nacional Galápagos. El recurso agua en Galápagos [online]. 2009. [Retrieved: October 13, 2015]. Available at <[http://galapagospark.org/nophprg.php?page=desarrollo\\_sustentable\\_recurso\\_agua&set\\_lang=es](http://galapagospark.org/nophprg.php?page=desarrollo_sustentable_recurso_agua&set_lang=es)>. Adaptation.

1. The water shortage defines the unique ecosystem in Galapagos	T	F
2. The tortoise can survive without water for a year	T	F
3. The palo santo trees lose their leaves in droughts	T	F
4. The lagoon that we can find in San Cristobal Island is called Yaguarico	T	F
5. In this lagoon there is almost no natural water sources for agricultural or domestic use	T	F

3. Identify the most important characteristics of the seasons in the Galapagos archipelago

	Dates	Characteristics
Cold dry season	• ..... • .....	
Warm rainy season	• ..... • .....	

4. Match the right answer about the Climatic floor of the Galapagos

Desert zone	Because there is a lot of rain, there is a lot of rain, there is a rich vegetation
Tropical zone	There is constant drizzle and fog. You can find marshlands, shrubs, and other species.
Wet tropical zone	The beaches at sea level are in this zone. These are very dry areas
High cold zone	There are carob, trees, ferns and lichens in this zone



5. Look at the video and select A to F if the sentences are right.

A.	The Galapagos Islands are known as the Islands of fire
B.	If you fly over the islands you can see 13 of them
C.	The real Galapagos Islands are found underwater of the Atlantic Ocean
D.	The first time when Charles Darwin came to Galapagos found tortoise and some different species of wild animals
E.	1960s people settle in Galapagos to protect the nature of the island.
F.	In 1997 Galapagos form part of the Marine Reserve