



# EXTENSION

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(Bloque 3 Comprensión escrita: 1. Identificar instrucciones; 5. Captar las ideas principales de textos periodísticos; Bloque 4 Producción escrita: 4. Escribir informes sobre hechos habituales)

## 1 Write the words below in your own language. You can use a dictionary.

- 1. Earth .....
- 2. steep .....
- 3. deep .....
- 4. wet .....
- 5. dry .....

## 2 Read the advert about the Galapagos Islands. Then complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives below.

### The Galapagos Islands

Come and visit the Galapagos Islands, 1,000 km off the coast of Ecuador, in the Pacific Ocean. The islands are an ideal holiday destination for animal lovers. Come and see some of the most extraordinary animals on Earth, including whales, sharks, birds and reptiles. They arrived on the isolated Galapagos Islands thousands of years ago. Many of them live only on these islands and nowhere else in the world!

There are 120 islands in the Galapagos. One of the most beautiful islands is Espanola, in the south. It isn't easy to get here because crossing the sea can be rough. But once you are here, you can have a lot of fun. You can enjoy a peaceful day on the beach or go scuba diving in the deep blue sea. Espanola is also a favourite destination for animal lovers. Here you can see the famous marine iguana. It looks frightening with its big yellow eyes, but don't worry – it's very friendly and it only eats plants!

Another interesting island is Isabela. It isn't as old as Espanola but it's the largest island in the Galapagos. It has got long coasts with steep cliffs and beautiful beaches. You can take a trip to the Wolf Volcano – the highest point in the Galapagos – and enjoy the extraordinary scenery.

There are two seasons on the islands: the wet season and the dry season. The wet season is between December and May. It is warm – not too hot and not too cold – and it often rains during this time. For bird lovers, this is an excellent time to visit the islands. They will see many unusual birds. In the dry season, from June to December, the weather is lovely. It is the best time to watch sea mammals because they are more active than in the wet season. So come to the Galapagos at any time!

*old ♦ good ♦ big ♦ high ♦ extraordinary ♦ nice*

- 1. Animals on the Galapagos Islands are some of ..... animals in the world.
- 2. Espanola is ..... Isabela.
- 3. Isabela is ..... island in the Galapagos.
- 4. The Wolf Volcano is ..... point on the islands.
- 5. In July, the weather is ..... in January on the Galapagos Islands.
- 6. .... time to watch birds is during the wet season.

**3 Answer the questions.**

1. Where are the Galapagos Islands? .....
2. Why are the animals on the islands extraordinary? .....
3. Why is it difficult to get to Espanola? .....
4. What can you do on Espanola? List three activities. ....
5. Why is it better to scuba dive in the dry season? .....

**4 Imagine you are a tourist on the Galapagos Islands. Write an e-mail to a friend about your visit.**

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### 1 Write the words below in your own language. You can use a dictionary.

1. disappear .....
2. absorb .....
3. ray .....

### 2 Read the text about saving a glacier in Peru. Then write questions for the answers in bold below. Which answer is NOT correct?

#### The Painting Mountains

Chalon Sombrero is a mountain in Peru. It is about 5,000 metres high and the weather on the mountain is dry and cold. Snow from the mountain brings fresh water to many villages in the area. This water is important for the people from the villages and their animals – alpacas. Alpacas are like small llamas. Alpacas don't work, but people in Peru use alpaca hair to make ponchos, sweaters, socks, hats and scarves.

But today, the snow on the mountain is disappearing quickly because the weather in Peru and many places around the world is getting warmer. The nights are still very cold on the mountain, but the days are very hot. Today, the mountain isn't white with snow – it's black. Why is this a problem? Without

the snow, there isn't water for the people and their animals.

Who has got a solution for this problem? Eduardo Gold, an inventor, has got an idea. He wants to put snow on the mountain again. His idea is very simple. Black mountains are warm because the colour black absorbs the sun's rays. White mountains are cold because they don't absorb the sun's rays. Gold's idea is to paint the mountain white! According to Gold, when the mountain is white and cold, there will be snow again. What do people think of Gold's idea? Some people think it is clever and others think it isn't. But Gold has got an answer for them: "Doing something is better than nothing at all," he says.

1. ....  
**Snow from the Chalon Sombrero** brings fresh water to many villages in the area.
2. ....  
**Alpacas** carry water from the mountain to the villages.
3. ....  
People use **alpaca hair** to make ponchos, sweaters, socks, hats and scarves.
4. ....  
Snow is disappearing quickly from the mountain **because the weather everywhere is getting warmer.**
5. ....  
**Eduardo Gold** suggested a solution to the problem.
6. ....  
**The colour black** absorbs the sun's rays.

**3 Complete the sentences according to the text.**

1. You must climb ..... high to reach the top of Chalon Sombrero.
2. At night, it is ..... on Chalon Sombrero.
3. The weather in the world is becoming ..... it was in the past.
4. The colour white ..... the sun's rays.
5. .... Gold's idea will work well.

**4 Does the weather affect your life? Write a paragraph about how weather affects you.**