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Reading comprehension questions for *Ju Ju's Galapagos*

I. Name the three foods that Eastern box turtles like to eat in the forest:

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

2. Why did Ju Ju want to visit the Galapagos Islands? _____

3. Pg. 6 shows some of the animals that live in the cranberry forest. Name all of the animals that you know.

4. In what country are the Galapagos Islands located? _____

5. Look at the map on Pg. 9. Name five things that you see there. Describe the one that is the most interesting to you and why.

A) _____

B) _____

C) _____

D) _____

E) _____

6. How do you think Ju Ju feels when she first lands on the rocky volcanic coast of the Galapagos Islands and meets Ignacio?

7. Why did Ju Ju not notice Ignacio at first?

8. The first giant Galapagos tortoise that Ju Ju met was Maria Fernanda. However, she did not look the way that Ju Ju expected. Why is that?

9. Look closely at the drawing of the frigate birds on Pg. 25. How does the female look different from the males?

10.How did Alejandro and the tortoises from Española Island look different from the other giant tortoises that Ju Ju met on the Galapagos Islands?

11.When Ju Ju first arrived to Española Island, why couldn't she eat with Alejandro and his friends? How was this problem later resolved?

12.The giant Galapagos tortoises have _____ necks to reach small plants and _____ necks to reach high plants.

Answer key:

1. Mushrooms, earthworms, cranberries
2. She heard that tortoises ten times her size lived there, with necks almost as long as a giraffe's, and she wanted to meet them.
3. Raccoon, hedgehog, earthworm, frog, mouse, squirrel, rabbit, red cardinal, Eastern box turtle
4. Ecuador
5. Varied answers
6. Tired from a long journey, excited about a new adventure, scared to be alone in a new place, curious about all the new things she would see, etc.
7. Because he had been so well-camouflaged against the volcanic rocks.
8. Ju Ju thought that all of the giant Galapagos tortoises have necks as long as a giraffe's, but Maria Fernanda had a short neck.
9. The female has a white chest while the males have red chests that can inflate into large, red pouches.
10. Alejandro and the other Española Island tortoises have long necks and large paws.
11. Ju Ju did not have a long neck and large paws to help her reach the high cactus plants. The problem was resolved when all the animals of the island got together and built her a mini-platform so that she could reach the cactus plants.
12. short, long