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The Galápagos are a group of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean near the west coast of Ecuador, in South America.

Cut off from the mainland, the islands are home to a diverse, often unique, range of animal and plant species.

The islands were made famous by Charles Darwin's scientific studies and are now a protected World Heritage Site.





Just as Charles Darwin did in 1835, you are about to take a tour of these beautiful islands. As you look at the images, make **descriptive** notes about:

- the **unique** and **colourful** creatures
- the **varied**, **stunning** landscape and plants
- what you might see, hear, smell, touch and even taste!





Bartolomé Island



Prickly pear cactus



Cactus trees on South Plaza Island



Barren lava fields on the Galápagos



Succulent sesuvium grass, Floreana Island



Gadner Bay Beach, Española Island



Sierra Negra volcano, Isabela Island



Giant tortoise



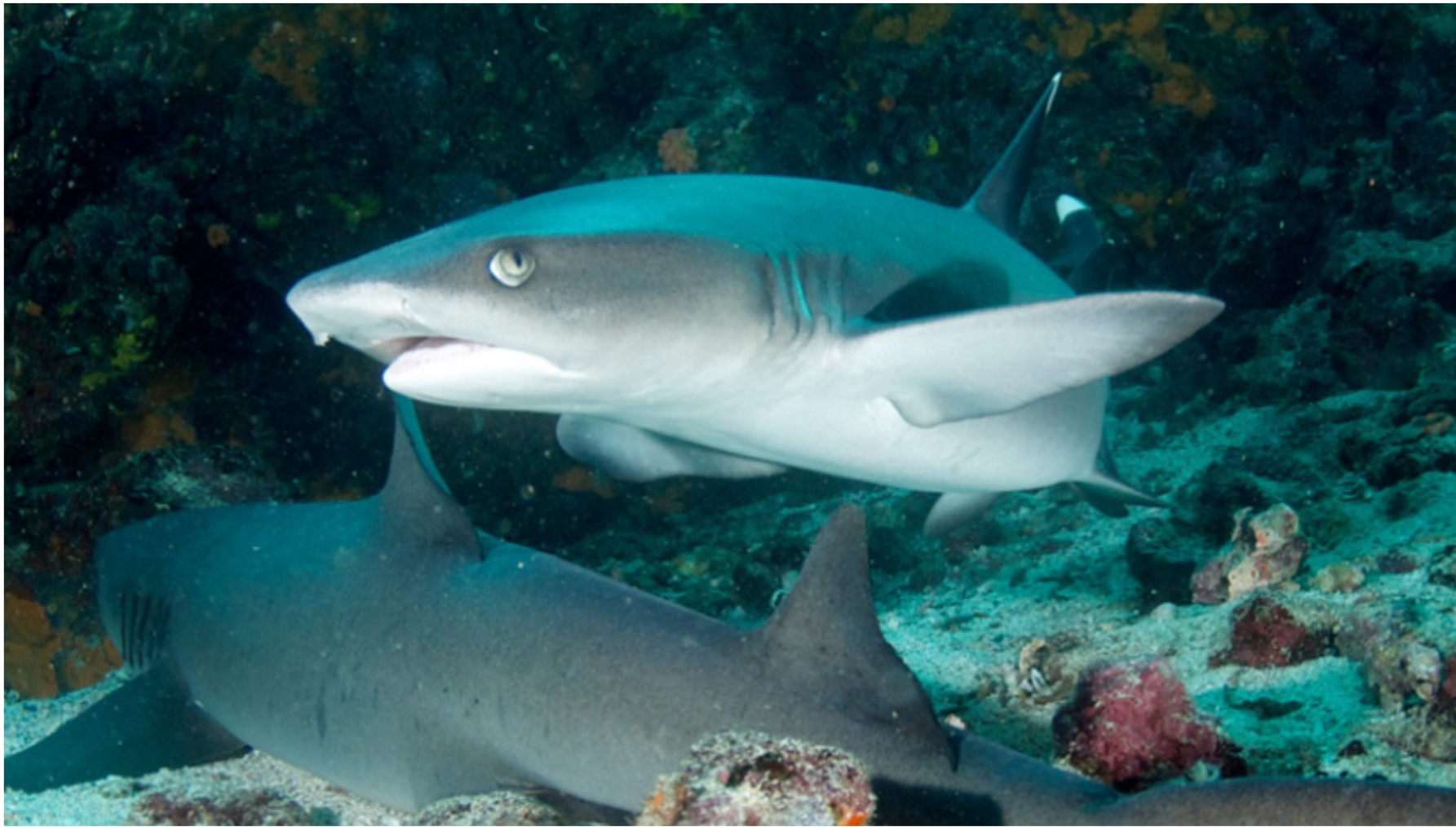
Iguana



Galápagos sea lions



Sally Lightfoot crab, Fernandina Island



Whitetip reef shark in tropical waters



Blue-footed booby




Great frigatebird



Red-footed booby



Lava gull, Genovesa Island



Now you have glimpsed and described the wonders of the Galápagos, take a moment to read your journal entry out loud.

- Are your sentences **clear**?
 - Do they **flow** well together?
 - Can you add any **detail** or **refine** your descriptions?
 - Have you written in **Standard English**, as Darwin would have done?
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