



The Galápagos Islands are a group of volcanic islands in the Pacific Ocean, famous for their unique wildlife that inspired Charles Darwin's ideas about evolution.

Voyage - a long journey, usually by sea.

Cabin boy - a young helper who worked on a ship, often doing chores for the crew.

Beagle - the ship that Charles Darwin sailed on during his famous journey.

Naturalist - a person who studies animals, plants, and nature.

Galápagos Islands - a group of islands near South America, known for unusual animals like giant tortoises.

Specimen - an example of an animal, plant, or rock collected for study.

Discovery - finding or learning something new.

Survival - staying alive, especially in difficult conditions.

Dragon - in the story, a mysterious, lizard-like creature that seems magical.

Companion - a friend who shares your journey.

Species - a group of animals or plants that are alike and can reproduce.

Evolution - the way living things slowly change over a very long time to survive better in their environment.

Rescue - when someone is saved from danger.

Curiosity - wanting to know more, being eager to learn and discover.

Ethics - thinking about what is right or wrong when making choices (e.g. how to treat animals).

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Darwin's Dragons is an exciting adventure story set in 1835. It follows Syms Covington, a real boy who worked as a cabin boy and assistant to the famous scientist Charles Darwin on his ship, the Beagle.

One day, a terrible storm throws Syms overboard, and he washes up on a mysterious island in the Galápagos. Alone and struggling to survive, Syms discovers something incredible: a huge lizard-like creature that seems almost like a dragon! Syms befriends one of the creatures, which he names Farthing, and learns how special and rare it is. But when he is finally rescued and returns with dragon eggs, he faces a difficult choice: should he share his discovery with the world, or protect the dragons from people who might harm them? It's a story full of survival, discovery, friendship, and magic, blending real history with imagination.