Gran Canaria

for little travellers



Why do dunes move?

A dune may look like a hill that never moves, but its sand is always travelling! The wind lifts tiny grains and pushes them along the ground.

When the wind slows down, the grains drop again. Little by little, the sand gathers in a new place and the dune changes its shape.



Plants at the edge of the dunes hold the sand tight with their roots, so the wind cannot blow it away.

Find the mountain route

Find a route from the blue bag to the flag. Cross the bridge and pass the big pine tree. Avoid the boulders blocking the paths.



Dolphins out at sea

Dolphins live in the sea around Gran Canaria, but they breathe air, just like you. They are mammals, and they feed their babies milk.

That is why they swim up to the surface, take a breath through the blowhole on top of their heads, then dive down again.

A dolphin swims by sweeping its tail up and down. Its side flippers help it steer through the water.

TRY IT! Make a dolphin shape with your hand. Can you show it rising up to breathe?





Bananas and other fruits



Banana plants have enormous green leaves. They look like trees, but their thick stems are not made of wood: they are made of leaf parts wrapped tightly together.

Under the broad leaves hang bunches of green bananas. As they ripen, they slowly turn yellow. The plant needs plenty of warmth and water to grow.

You may also find papayas, mangoes or avocados grown on the island. Each fruit has its own colour, shape and taste.



TRY IT! Which fruit would you like to taste? Describe its colour and shape.

