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Questions



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Pupils' own responses, such as: He discovered that the different finches had different beak shapes depending on the food available to them.



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Charles Darwin will write about how writing his book is going and whether or not people will enjoy reading it.