

Deepening Understanding

UKS2 Non-Fiction Text

This set of questions is based upon the text 'Galapagos Tortoise'.

Q1

What does the threat level 'vulnerable' suggest about Galapagos Tortoise?

2 Marks

Q2

Copy two words or phrases which show that species found in the Galapagos are 'unique' to these islands.

2 Marks

Q3

...in areas where vegetation is increasingly sparse.
What is meant by the word sparse?

1 Mark



Q4

'Throughout the Galapagos Islands, the tortoise is one of the most evolved creatures'. What does this suggest?

2 Marks

Q5

...low-lying areas of the Galapagos... are barren.
Circle the word closest in meaning to the word barren.

bare

flourishing

dry

poor

1 Mark

Q6

Why might the number of tortoise species that Darwin had observed declined when compared to today's figure?

2 Marks



Q7

Would the dome-shaped or the saddle-back tortoise cope best with switching habitats? Explain your thoughts.

2 Marks

Q8

Draw lines to summarise the purpose of each paragraph in the Galapagos Tortoise text.

Paragraph 1

Galapagos Tortoise facts

Paragraph 2

Adaptations

Paragraph 3

Protecting tortoises

Paragraph 4

Galapagos Island information

1 Mark

Q9

Do you think Darwin was surprised about the variation of tortoise species across the Galapagos Islands?

Yes

No

Maybe

Explain why!

1 Mark



Q10

Why is adaptation and evolution important for tortoises?
Explain your answer fully referring to the text.

3 Marks

Q11

What do you think the climate is like in the Galapagos Islands? Explain your answer fully using the text.

3 Marks

