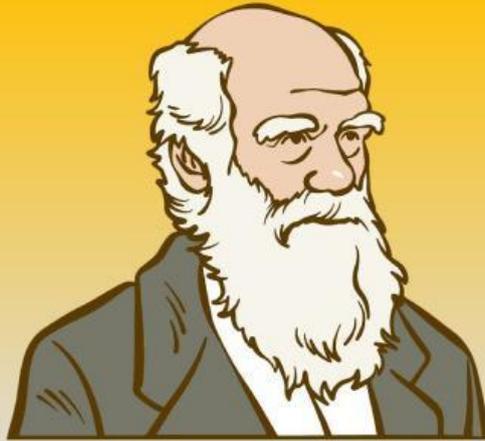


# Who Was Charles Darwin?



## Warm Up

- 1) What do you think is very interesting in nature?
- 2) What was your favorite trip? And the longest?
- 3) What do you know about Charles Darwin?

# Vocabulary

1) Match the animals' names to the pictures.

**barnacles - beetle - bumblebee - pigeon**



2) Find the countries and places on the map and write them on the rectangles.  
There are two extra blank spaces.



- a) The Andes
- b) Brazil
- c) Galapagos Islands
- d) Uruguay

Have you ever been to any of these places? If not, would you like to visit them someday?

### 3) Match the words to their synonyms.

a) ancestors

b) average

c) controversy

d) groundbreaking

e) rock

f) voyage

g) wealthy

Innovative, new

Rich

Family from the past

Argument, disagreement

Normal, typical

Move, shake

Trip, journey

4) Complete the sentences below using the words from the previous activity. Two are not used.

**ancestors - average - controversy -  
groundbreaking - rock - voyage - wealthy**

a) After finishing school, Ana decided to take a **gap year(A)** to travel and visit her   ' hometown in Italy.

b) The scientist's new idea **flew in the face of (B)** old beliefs about the Earth's age, causing a big

c) Jake is very **keen on (C)** learning how to play the guitar. He practices every day, hoping to  the stage like his favorite band someday.

d) The explorers **set off (D)** on their  across the ocean to find new lands.

e) After many years of hard work, Maria became one of the **leading lights (E)** in space research. Her discoveries were

5) Read the phrases in bold from the previous activity. Do you know what they mean?

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b) The scientist's new idea **flew in the face of (B)** old beliefs about the Earth's age, causing a big **controversy**.

c) Jake is very **keen on (C)** learning how to play the guitar. He practices every day, hoping to **rock** the stage like his favorite band someday.

d) The explorers **set off (D)** on their **voyage** across the ocean to find new lands.

e) After many years of hard work, Maria became one of the **leading lights (E)** in space research. Her discoveries were **groundbreaking!**

To do something very different from what people want or believe.

A year when someone takes a break from studying or working.

To start a journey or trip.

An important or very successful person in a group or area.

To like something a lot.

## Watching

1) You are going to watch a video about the life and work of Charles Darwin. Watch the first part (00:00 - 01:06) and check if these statements are true or false.



- a) Charles Darwin was a famous scientist.
- b) Darwin's father wanted him to be a teacher.
- c) Darwin studied only animals during his time at university.
- d) Darwin traveled around the world for five years.
- e) Darwin's ideas were accepted without any disagreement.

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2) Watch the second part (01:06 - 02:20) and match the halves of each sentence.



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- a) He ventured into
- b) He joined the Carnival in Brazil and even got
- c) When he eventually arrived back in England,
- d) But his personal life
- e) The gardens at Down House were
- f) He and Emma were

- caught up in a rebellion in Uruguay.
- Darwin began working with other scientists on the findings from his voyage.
- much less strict than other parents of the time.
- wasn't all bad.
- dense rainforests, climbed mountains in the Andes and explored the Galapagos islands.
- the site of many experiments.

3) Watch the final part (02:20 - end) and answer the questions.



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a) When did Darwin publish his famous book "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection"?

b) What reaction did Darwin's book cause?

c) How was Darwin honored after his death?

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## Talking point

- 1) Why were Darwin's theories controversial?
- 2) Why is it important that scientists like Darwin challenge accepted ideas?
- 3) If you could visit any of the places Darwin explored, which one would you choose and why?
- 4) Darwin was keen on studying nature from a young age. What topic are you really passionate about?

## Grammar point - Past simple (regular verbs) quiz

Regular verbs make up about 97% of all verbs in English. But do you know how to use them properly? Take the quiz below and let's find out!

1) Spelling Rules – Choose the correct past simple form.

1. Which is the correct past form of "**stop**"?

stoped

stopped

stopd

2. What is the correct past form of "**study**"?

studed

studyed

studied

3. Which verb **does not need** an extra letter before adding -ed?

walk

plan

prefer

4. What is the past form of "**try**"?

triyed

tryed

tried

5. What is the past form of "**dance**"?

dancied

danced

danceed

2) Pronunciation Challenge – How do you pronounce the -ed ending? Choose the correct pronunciation of the past tense verb: /t/, /d/, or /ɪd/.

1. How do you pronounce "**worked**"?

- /t/
- /d/
- /ɪd/

2. How do you pronounce "**wanted**"?

- /t/
- /d/
- /ɪd/

3. How do you pronounce "**played**"?

- /t/
- /d/
- /ɪd/

4. Which verb has the same pronunciation as "**needed**"?

- washed
- visited
- stopped

5. Which verb has the same pronunciation as **"helped"**?

cleaned

looked

decided

