

Darwin's 200th Anniversary



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Preparations

● Vocabulary

- fungi
- bacteria

● Listening Exercise

- Dictation
 - ◇ Charles Darwin really solved the problem of existence, the problem of the _____ of _____ things -- _____, _____, _____, fungi, _____ -- everything we know about life, Darwin essentially explained.
- Question
 - ◇ What did Darwin get wrong in his works?

Main Works 1

● Vocabulary

- natural selection
- gene
- substance
- reel

● Listening Exercise

- Dictation
 - ◇ Yes, I mean _____ genetics in order to make Darwinian _____ work.
 - ◇ It's really -- _____ with DNA of course we know that it's, um, _____ It's like _____ and _____ of computer tape. And _____ Darwin know he actually needed that in order for _____ to work.
- TRUE or FALSE
 - ◇ In this context, "digital" genetics is the idea that a child substance is made by simply mixing parents' substances together. (true / false)
 - ◇ Darwin got his theory wrong because he did not understand Digital Genetics. (true / false)

● Discussion

- Describe the idea of 'genetics' in Darwin's time.

Main Works 2

● Vocabulary

- clergyman
- bishop
- theologian
- aardvark

● Listening Exercise

➤ Dictation

- ◇ Many people do because there are plenty of clergyman, _____, _____ and --
- ◇ I personally think it's rather difficult, but that's my personal opinion and you'll find _____ of _____ to disagree.
- ◇ Because Darwin is now a very _____ _____ particularly in the United States.

➤ TRUE or FALSE

- ◇ Dawkins says Darwin's views are controversial among educated people. (true / false)
- ◇ Dawkins says we are sons of God (true / false)

● Discussion

- In the text of the dictation activity above, there are the phrases: 'many people do' , 'I personally think it's rather difficult'. Explain what this means.

- Do you think Dawkins himself has a belief in god?
(This is NOT mentioned clearly! Write your own opinion.)