Deepening Understanding
UKS2 Non-Fiction Text
Targeted Vocabulary and Word Meaning Questions

This set of questions is based upon the text ‘Biography of Charles Darwin’ by Laura Curtis.

Q1 In the opening paragraph, find and copy a phrase that shows Darwin’s work would transform science forever.

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Q2 What does the phrase ‘descended from a long line of brilliant minds’ suggest about Darwin’s family?

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Q3 In the sentence below, what does ‘unconvinced’ suggest about how Charles Darwin was feeling about his studies?

‘He was unconvinced life as a vicar was for him...’

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Q4. Circle the synonym that is closest in meaning to the word ‘significant’ in the following sentence.

‘The trip had a significant impact on Darwin’s view of natural history...’

important, huge, trivial, substantial

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Q5. In the paragraph ‘Upon his return to England’, find and copy an antonym of the word ‘limited’.

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Q6. ‘...which he observed and studied intently’.
Circle the word the author could replace ‘intently’ with.

closely, distractedly, rapidly, inadequately

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His theory was dubious.

His theory was exciting.

His theory was undeniable.

His theory was deniable.

‘Charles Darwin’s theory was irrefutable.’
This suggests that...

Lots of people disagreed with Darwin’s findings. Find a phrase that tells you that he knew this would happen.