

**For the student**

Lesson 1 on Charles Darwin

Listening comprehension

Name:

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**Worksheet 1**

**PART I**

Watch the video and fill in the missing information

1. Charles Darwin was born----- ago.
2. He wanted to know how the whole of the natural world -----
3. He wanted to know how continents -----
4. He wanted to know how ocean basins -----
5. He wanted to know how life-----
6. His book *On the Origin of Species* was published ----- ago.

**PART II**

A. Circle the correct answer

1. As a child Charles liked  
a. playing      b. asking questions      c. being with friends
2. As a child he was interested in  
a. natural history    b. sports      c. religion
3. As a child he had a talent in  
a. telling lies    b. inventing stories    c. telling jokes

B. Write three adjectives the speaker uses to describe Darwin's character.

1. ----- 2. ----- 3. -----

**PART III**

Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false) according to what you hear

1. He came of a religious family. \_\_\_\_\_
2. His grandfathers were scientists. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He went to Cambridge to become a biologist. \_\_\_\_\_
4. While in Cambridge he never questioned the teaching of the bible. \_\_\_\_\_
5. His voyage on the Beagle changed the way he looked at things. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Darwin was initially a geologist. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Darwin was influenced by Lyell's book 'The Principles of Geology'. \_\_\_\_\_
8. On the Beagle, Darwin didn't change his mind about becoming a vicar. \_\_\_\_\_