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Quick Questions



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Answers



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Accept any reasonable summary of information from the second paragraph in 20 words or less.



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Accept answers which discuss use of exciting adjectives (enchanted / incredible), and saying 'place unlike any other'.



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Accept any reasonable prediction which would fit on a Pacific island tour or anything Darwin famously discovered, e.g. beach life (star fish, hermit crab), fish, insects, birds.